



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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29 October 2021

Dear

On 16 September, you emailed the office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *How many people are receiving New Zealand National Super while living overseas beyond 6 months?*
- *What countries do they live in and how many each country?*

On 17 September 2021, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) as it relates to operational matters.

Clients in receipt of New Zealand Superannuation payments or the Veteran's pension may be eligible to receive payments when they live abroad for more than 6 months. This will include clients who have successfully applied for portability or who are included in special portability provisions. More information regarding portability and special portability is available here:

- [www.workandincome.govt.nz/pensions/travelling-or-moving/going-overseas-super/travelling-for-more-than-26-weeks.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/pensions/travelling-or-moving/going-overseas-super/travelling-for-more-than-26-weeks.html).
- <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/pensions/travelling-or-moving/social-security-agreements/special-portability-pacific-countries.html>.

Please find the following data table in the enclosed spreadsheet:

**Table 1:** The number of clients in receipt of a portable New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's pension as at 30 September 2021, broken down by service and country of residence.

The principles and purposes of the Act under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to

the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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