



7 April 2022

Tēnā koe

On 17 February 2022, the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) received a letter from you requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information in relation to your previous request about the number of New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) clients, the total amount of NZS paid, and the amount of tax collected on these NZS payments:

- *I would very much appreciate if you would again supply this information in as up to date form as is available.*

On 17 March 2022, the Ministry emailed you to advise that your request would be granted, but that more time was required to prepare the information for release.

Please find **Table One** in the attached Excel spreadsheet, which shows the number of New Zealand Superannuitants and amounts paid as at quarter end from March 2018 to December 2021 broken down by quarter ending and marital status.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 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 and
- 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'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding New Zealand Superannuation payments, 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 or 0800 802 602.

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