



10 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 30 May 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *We would like to request, under the Official Information Act, details of all Official Information Act requests to the agency since November 2020 made by, or on behalf of the Taxpayers Union. This could include requests from Jordan Williams, Louis Houlbrooke, Casey Costello, Levi Gibbs or Connor Molloy.*
- *We are also interested in requests made under the name John Schmidt.*
- *It is not necessary to provide the responses, merely the information which was requested.*

Please find attached **Appendix One** containing **Table One** with a list of Official Information Act requests made by, or on behalf of, the Taxpayers' Union between 1 November 2020 to 30 May 2022.

Additionally, the Ministry could not locate any Official Information Act requests made under the name John Schmidt for the same period. As such, this section of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

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, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Magnus O'Neill
General Manager
Ministerial and Executive Services



Appendix One

Table One: A list of Official Information Act requests made by or on behalf of the Taxpayers' Union from 1 November 2020 to 30 May 2022.

OIA File Number	Request	Date Received
OIA//11/20-21135	Request to know if MSD staff received a pay rise in the past two weeks, if yes what percentage of staff and the average amount increased.	5-Nov-20
OIA/21-2714	Request to know the number of benefit fraud prosecutions undertaken each year since 2014 to present day and whether the outcome was a successful conviction or not.	3-Mar-21
OIA/21-6405	In relation to invoices received from hoteliers who lease their properties for emergency housing.	29-Apr-21
OIA/21-6481	The total amount of rent owed by tenants in state housing as of today's date (04/05/2021).	4-May-21
OIA/21-6753	Request to know the highest call outs for police in Emergency Housing and Social housing in the past six months.	7-May-21
OIA/21-7391	Questions regarding tender process of My Food Bag Emergency Food Kit trial.	14-May-21
OIA/21-8889	Questions relating to BP payment card exemption.	14-Jun-21
OIA/21-11314	Information about advice the Minister has received in relation to establishing new business units.	21-Jul-21
OIA/21-13045	Information about E tu Incorporated and First Union Incorporated in relation to Wage Subsidy.	19-Aug-21
OIA/21-15953	Request for the list of employers referred to the Serious Fraud Office regarding Wage Subsidy.	18-Oct-21

OIA/22-5226	Information on fast food vouchers and overall care packages given to beneficiaries or emergency housing clients for the past two years.	5-May-22
OIA/22-6168	Auckland Airport Motel Emergency Housing expenditure for past two years.	24-May-22

Notes for Table:

- The list was compiled from searches for 'Taxpayer' 'New Zealand Taxpayer' 'NZ Taxpayer' 'Union' 'NZTU' and 'Tax.'
- The Ministry also searched for names listed in the request, including additional names located in scope based on the search above.
- One request was transferred to another agency for response.
- One request is still ongoing as at 30 May 2022.