



29 August 2022

Tēnā koe

On 11 August 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *the latest figures for overseas govt pensions deducted under Section 187-191 to include countries affected, numbers and amounts.*
- *Could you please state whether Chinese State pensions became subject to Section 187-191 from July 1 2022.*

Please see the **Appendix** for a table showing the number of Overseas Pension (OSP) deductions and amounts to New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) clients as at the end of June 2022, broken down by country.

I can confirm that to date, there are no Chinese State pensions which are subject to Section 187-191.

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 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.

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Appendix

Table One: Number of Overseas Pension (OSP) deductions and amounts to New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) clients as at end of June 2022.

Country	As at the end of June 2022	
	Number	Annualised excess amount
Albania	S	\$10,293.60
Argentina	S	\$14,683.80
Australia	22,122	\$123,601,415.68
Austria	21	\$205,836.12
Azerbaijan	S	\$7,940.88
Belarus	S	\$5,328.24
Belgium	33	\$181,320.16
Bermuda	S	\$30,770.40
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	\$17,059.80
Brazil	S	\$22,457.40
Bulgaria	30	\$105,308.04
Canada	3,729	\$18,384,136.08
Chile	S	\$9,707.56
Colombia	S	\$1,043.12
Cook Islands	S	\$10,817.92
Croatia	48	\$252,535.80
Cyprus	S	\$2,996.21
Czech Republic	12	\$66,558.36
Denmark	147	\$758,240.02
Egypt	12	\$29,220.72
Fiji	66	\$247,654.81
Finland	9	\$56,950.20
France	132	\$508,107.63
French Polynesia	S	\$10,439.64
Germany	705	\$5,315,669.17
Ghana	S	\$4,454.88
Greece	9	\$26,667.36
Guernsey	138	\$860,431.52
Hungary	18	\$76,225.46
Ireland	438	\$2,245,481.76
Isle of Man	39	\$174,115.03
Israel	S	\$24,799.92
Italy	24	\$285,341.81

Country	As at the end of June 2022	
	Number	Annualised excess amount
Jamaica	S	\$2,981.18
Japan	189	\$1,217,934.04
Jersey	129	\$744,841.24
Korea, Republic of	84	\$507,070.04
Latvia	S	\$14,975.52
Lithuania	S	\$17,251.56
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	39	\$210,461.52
Malaysia	12	\$57,842.52
Malta	15	\$74,586.73
Montenegro	S	\$2,725.08
New Caledonia	15	\$82,957.68
Nigeria	S	\$1,067.88
Niue	S	\$3,043.56
Norway	21	\$197,541.72
Peru	S	\$10,841.28
Philippines	543	\$1,064,081.43
Poland	51	\$318,610.80
Portugal	S	\$19,841.97
Romania	42	\$320,920.80
Russian Federation	354	\$1,597,147.44
Samoa, Western	15	\$19,228.44
Serbia	42	\$173,266.36
Singapore	105	\$705,534.00
Slovakia	S	\$34,576.92
Slovenia	S	\$10,346.40
Spain	S	\$13,974.48
Sri Lanka	15	\$16,476.04
Sudan	S	\$250.20
Sweden	156	\$786,791.76
Switzerland	576	\$3,647,870.88
Tahiti	S	\$10,828.32
Taiwan	615	\$2,444,844.84
Thailand	57	\$28,270.32
The Netherlands	4,506	\$25,585,995.93
Turkey	6	\$22,027.44
Ukraine	S	\$1,953.72
United Kingdom	58,875	\$265,422,937.98
United States of America	930	\$12,828,421.08

Country	As at the end of June 2022	
	Number	Annualised excess amount
Uruguay	S	\$12,986.28
Vietnam	6	\$16,307.04
Yugoslavia	S	\$2,529.12
Total	95,199	\$471,806,150.64

Table One Notes:

- This is a number of Overseas Pensions (OSP).
- The country given is where the OSP is paid from.
- The annualised amount is in New Zealand dollars. It is an approximation of the annual value of overseas pensions, based on amounts and exchange rates as at the time of report.
- Figures are current as at the time of reporting. However, these may be subject to change due to new historical information being recorded into the Ministry systems.
- Post-June 2016 numbers and deductions are calculated using and improved methodology, which excludes some OSP records that are in the system but not deducted from the recipients NZS.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data. These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table. A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or three. The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals. The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.