



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2023 requesting the following information:

- 1. Since 1st July 2022, how many Chinese immigrants applied for NZ Superannuation?*
- 2. Since 1st July 2022, for the Chinese immigrants who applied for the NZ Super, how many of them are receiving the full amount (no deductions)?*
- 3. Since 1st July 2022, for the Chinese immigrants who applied for the NZ Super, how many of them have been deducted by the pension received from China?*
- 4. Since 1st July 2022, for the Chinese immigrants who have been approved receiving the full NZ Super, how many of them retired in China after 2012?*
- 5. Since 1st July 2022, for the Chinese immigrants who have been approved receiving the full NZ Super, how many of them are receiving pension from China at the same time?*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

It is not standard reporting for the Ministry to collect or collate information on clients who have immigrated from China. In order to provide you with this information, Ministry staff would have to manually review a substantial number of files. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

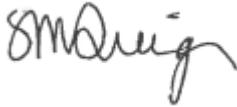
However, in the spirit of good faith in response to part three of your request, the Ministry can confirm as at the end of October 2023 there are 18 clients who have a Chinese Pension being directly deducted from their New Zealand Superannuation.

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).

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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.

Ngā mihi nui



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