



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

21 December 2023

Tēnā koe

On 23 November 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I meant this the same as location, what Iwi/s do claimants identify with.*

*Am I able to also request a break-down of claims by ethnicity?*

The Ministry's decision of 23 November 2023 to refuse your request for a breakdown of claims of abuse in State Care by Iwi remains unchanged.

As at 6 November 2023, Historic Claims has registered claims from 6,216 people (claimants). Of the 6,216 individual claimants there are a small number who have lodged multiple claims. This means the number of claimants may not match the total number of claims lodged with Historic Claims.

Please find enclosed in the **Appendix, Table One** showing the count of ethnicities declared by claimants. Some of this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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

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 my decision on your request for a breakdown of claims of abuse in State Care, 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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## Appendix

**Table One: Count of Abuse in State Care Claims broken down by ethnicity since 2004.**

<b>Ethnicities declared by claimants (n=7110)</b>	
Chinese	9
Cook Island Māori	112
Indian	11
Māori	3290
New Zealand European	2654
Niuean	19
Not obtained/claimant chose not to provide	659
Other	225
Samoan	92

### Notes:

- There is no limit to the number of ethnicities a claimant can choose to declare.
- 868 claimants have declared two ethnicities.
- 26 claimants have declared three ethnicities.
- No claimants have declared more than three ethnicities.
- 659 claimants either did not declare their ethnicity or it was not obtained.
- A breakdown of claimants within mixed ethnic groups cannot be provided due to privacy as provided for under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.