



26 May 2023

Tēnā koe

On 3 April 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Can I please make a request under the OIA to get data . I would like data on how many people aged between 18yrs-30yrs in Hawke's Bay(Napier and Hastings) that are presently or within the last two years on the Independent Living Allowance through MSD. If that information could be broken down into gender, ages, ethnicity's and also if possible , suburbs of Hawke's Bay or deprivation areas(1-10). It may not be possible but if information is available ,also data on how many of those people on the Independent Living Allowance in Hawkes Bay are accessing some form of paid employment income allowed to be earned while on this benefit? Nga mihi Prue Marflitt*

On 12 April 2023, the Ministry contacted you seeking refinement of your request, in particular seeking which benefit type(s) you were interested in. On 28 April 2023, you refined your request to focus on the Supported Living Payment along with a breakdown of data as per your original request. In accordance with section 15(1AA) of the Act, the Ministry sent you a follow up email outlining that a renewed due date of 26 May 2023 accompanied your refined request.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which includes the following tables:

**Table One:** Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability clients in the Hawkes Bay from January 2021 to December 2022, by Territorial Authority as at quarter end.

**Table Two:** Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability clients in the Hawkes Bay from January 2021 to December 2022, by ethnic group as at quarter end.

**Table Three:** Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability clients in the Hawkes Bay from January 2021 to December 2022, by gender as at quarter end.

**Table Four:** Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability clients in the Hawkes Bay from January 2021 to December 2022, by age group as at quarter end.

**Table Five:** Supported Living Payment Health Condition and Disability clients in the Hawkes Bay from January 2021 to December 2022, by whether has earnings (via mean weekly earnings), as at quarter end.

Please note, 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 where, values have been randomly rounded to the nearest multiple of 3. This is applied to all cell counts in the table. 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.

Cells with 'S' are those where data has been suppressed to protect identification of individuals and is applied to values less than 6.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response about Supported Living Payment data in the Hawkes Bay Region, 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.

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