



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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19 JUL 2016

Dear

On 23 June 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many families have taken the 5,000 dollar incentive to resettle outside of Auckland since you announced this initiative prior to the budget.*

Work and Income are offering to help eligible people with a one-off payment of up to \$5,000 to relocate from Auckland from 20 June 2016. To be eligible, people will need to be living in Auckland and either a current tenant of or be eligible for social housing. This is a voluntary scheme and aims to provide practical assistance to enable people to expand their employment and housing options.

The Ministry of Social Development is currently developing reporting on the uptake of the Relocation from Auckland Assistance. This information will be published on the Ministry of Social Development's website in due course. As such, your request for information is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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