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Dear

On 25 May 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Statistics of ages and gender of the people currently (or the latest stats) on the job seekers benefit at these WINZ offices, and also last year's stats? (Or if that is not possible in the Tauranga or Western Bay of Plenty Region?)*
  - *Greerton*
  - *Mount Maunganui*
  - *Tauranga*
  - *Te Puke*
  - *Waihi*

Jobseeker Support is for people who can usually look or prepare for work. It also includes people who can only work part-time or cannot look for work at the moment, for example because they have a health condition, injury or disability. Jobseeker Support is a temporary full-time work focused benefit.

To receive Jobseeker Support on the grounds of a health condition, injury or disability, the client must be:

- limited in their capacity or unable to work full-time due to a health condition, injury or disability or in employment but because of a health condition, injury or disability cannot work or can only work at a reduced level.

To support their application for Jobseeker Support, the client will need to:

- provide a medical certificate from a medical practitioner (or dentist, midwife or nurse practitioner where relevant) and
- if required, complete a Self-Assessment and if required, attend an appointment with a designated doctor.

Work and Income will consider all information provided by the client, including information contained in the application form, client self-assessment, medical certificate and discussion with the client, to determine the client's work ability, benefit eligibility and obligations. Further information can be accessed here:

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/health-and-disability/>

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/jobseeker-support.html>

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/jobseeker-support/index.html>

Please find enclosed one table providing the number of working age Jobseeker Support clients as at the end of March 2015 and 2016, broken down by selected service centres, age and gender. Please note that this information is reported as at a point in time (March 2015 and March 2016).

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 after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development'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.

I hope you find this information regarding Jobseeker Support helpful. 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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**Number of working age Jobseeker Support clients as at the end of March 2015 and 2016, by selected service centres, gender and age**

Service Centre		Mar-15			Mar-16		
	Age	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
<b>Greerton</b>	18-19	52	38	<b>90</b>	41	14	<b>55</b>
	20-24	86	130	<b>216</b>	52	105	<b>157</b>
	25-29	44	65	<b>109</b>	53	75	<b>128</b>
	30-34	29	55	<b>84</b>	44	52	<b>96</b>
	35-39	34	53	<b>87</b>	39	64	<b>103</b>
	40-44	60	65	<b>125</b>	58	41	<b>99</b>
	45-49	64	69	<b>133</b>	55	70	<b>125</b>
	50-54	72	73	<b>145</b>	72	71	<b>143</b>
	55-59	58	50	<b>108</b>	57	51	<b>108</b>
	60-64	85	51	<b>136</b>	77	55	<b>132</b>
<b>Greerton Total</b>		<b>584</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1,146</b>
<b>Mount Maunganui</b>	18-19	37	42	<b>79</b>	26	31	<b>57</b>
	20-24	72	113	<b>185</b>	59	103	<b>162</b>
	25-29	37	69	<b>106</b>	44	63	<b>107</b>
	30-34	33	55	<b>88</b>	37	50	<b>87</b>
	35-39	33	56	<b>89</b>	30	47	<b>77</b>
	40-44	58	59	<b>117</b>	40	58	<b>98</b>
	45-49	74	59	<b>133</b>	64	44	<b>108</b>
	50-54	84	64	<b>148</b>	73	44	<b>117</b>
	55-59	75	65	<b>140</b>	75	59	<b>134</b>
	60-64	78	53	<b>131</b>	81	50	<b>131</b>
<b>Mount Maunganui Total</b>		<b>581</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1,078</b>
<b>Tauranga</b>	18-19	44	31	<b>75</b>	37	23	<b>60</b>
	20-24	76	98	<b>174</b>	78	92	<b>170</b>
	25-29	57	91	<b>148</b>	45	76	<b>121</b>
	30-34	34	85	<b>119</b>	28	75	<b>103</b>
	35-39	40	71	<b>111</b>	37	62	<b>99</b>
	40-44	66	81	<b>147</b>	56	83	<b>139</b>
	45-49	90	89	<b>179</b>	68	84	<b>152</b>
	50-54	106	102	<b>208</b>	79	89	<b>168</b>
	55-59	98	85	<b>183</b>	98	70	<b>168</b>
	60-64	118	94	<b>212</b>	117	72	<b>189</b>
<b>Tauranga Total</b>		<b>729</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1,369</b>
<b>Te Puke</b>	18-19	5	5	<b>23</b>	5	5	<b>11</b>
	20-24	19	21	<b>40</b>	15	15	<b>30</b>
	25-29	7	12	<b>19</b>	12	24	<b>36</b>
	30-34	12	15	<b>27</b>	9	17	<b>26</b>
	35-39	5	5	<b>21</b>	5	5	<b>26</b>
	40-44	13	19	<b>32</b>	13	14	<b>27</b>

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	45-49	19	26	<b>45</b>	11	31	<b>42</b>
	50-54	34	34	<b>68</b>	22	32	<b>54</b>
	55-59	21	17	<b>38</b>	33	24	<b>57</b>
	60-64	31	30	<b>61</b>	25	28	<b>53</b>
<b>Te Puke Total</b>		<b>179</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Waihi</b>	18-19	S	S	<b>32</b>	16	13	<b>29</b>
	20-24	23	43	<b>66</b>	20	41	<b>61</b>
	25-29	17	18	<b>35</b>	13	31	<b>44</b>
	30-34	10	22	<b>32</b>	11	26	<b>37</b>
	35-39	S	S	<b>24</b>	9	22	<b>31</b>
	40-44	19	33	<b>52</b>	19	26	<b>45</b>
	45-49	27	35	<b>62</b>	31	30	<b>61</b>
	50-54	27	25	<b>52</b>	32	27	<b>59</b>
	55-59	19	28	<b>47</b>	32	33	<b>65</b>
	60-64	31	22	<b>53</b>	29	21	<b>50</b>
<b>Waihi Total</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>482</b>

**Notes:**

- Tables include working age clients only (18-64)
- Clients with expired or suspended benefits are excluded
- "S" indicates a suppressed value to protect clients' privacy