



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

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

- *To the end of June 2016, the quarterly numbers of YPP recipients across East Coast service centres for the preceding 12 months.*
- *To the end of June 2016, the national number of YPP clients quarterly basis for the preceding 12 months.*

The Youth Service focuses on identifying and supporting some of the most vulnerable young people. All clients receiving the Youth Payment and the Young Parent Payment are required to engage with a service provider or specialist case worker. In addition, they must also be enrolled in and undertaking, or be available for, a full-time course of secondary or tertiary education, or approved training or work-based learning that will lead to an NCEA level two qualification or an equivalent or higher qualification.

Young people who apply for the Youth Payment or the Young Parent Payment are assessed on a case by case basis to ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria for financial assistance. Youth Service providers deliver wrap around case management support to at risk young people. This includes identifying the young person's needs, such as reasonable and affordable accommodation, and working with Work and Income to address them.

Further information on the Youth Service is available on Work and Income's website at: www.workandincome.govt.nz.

You will find enclosed two tables showing the number of clients receiving the Young Parent Payment both nationally, and for the East Coast, in the 2015/16 financial year broken down by quarter and Work and Income site. Please note that some numbers have been suppressed to protect the privacy of individuals concerned. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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 available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter 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.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Table One: The number of clients receiving the Young Parent Payment (YPP) in the East Coast Work and Income Region for the 2015/16 financial year, broken down by quarter and site.

Site	Quarter Ending			
	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	Jun-16
Flaxmere	13	6	13	12
Gisborne	21	17	17	22
Hastings East	20	8	8	6
Hastings West	13	8	S	S
Kaiti	18	16	17	14
Napier	12	11	14	17
Ruatoria	S	S	S	S
Taradale	7	S	S	8
Waipukurau	S	S	S	6
Wairoa	9	11	12	10
Total	124	90	104	107

Table Two: The number of clients receiving the Young Parent Payment (YPP) nationally for the 2015/16 financial year, broken down by quarter.

Quarter Ending	Clients receiving YPP
Sep-15	1,209
Dec-15	1,050
Mar-15	1,032
Jun-16	1,059