



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

23 AUG 2017

Dear

On 4 May 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Information on the following queries for some research we are doing on food poverty in our community. For each of the queries, please respond with information for: New Zealand nationally, Hamilton, Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Morrinsville, Cambridge, Matamata, Te Awamutu, and for each please provide for the years of: 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17*
 1. *The dollar (\$) value of food grants in total per year*
 2. *The number of special needs grants for food applied for per year*
 - a. *Of those the number that were declined*
 - b. *The number of those that were declined and appealed*
 - c. *The number of those that appealed that were successful*
 3. *The number of individuals who received:*
 - a. *ONE special needs grant for food in each year*
 - b. *TWO special needs grants for food in each year*
 - c. *THREE special needs grants for food in each year*
 - d. *FOUR special needs grants for food in each year*
 - e. *FIVE special needs grants for food in each year*
 - f. *SIX special needs grants for food in each year*
 - g. *SEVEN special needs grants for food in each year*
 - h. *EIGHT special needs grants for food in each year*
 - i. *NINE special needs grants for food in each year*
 - j. *TEN special needs grants for food in each year*
 - k. *ELEVEN special needs grants for food in each year*
 - l. *MORE THAN ELEVEN special needs grants for food in each year*
 4. *In regards to the use of payment cards:*
 - a. *What is the total dollar amount (\$) that has expired (not been spent within three days) in each year*
 - b. *And the total number of individuals affected in each year.*

Work and Income, a service line of the Ministry of Social Development, provides hardship assistance to help people pay for essential items or services they need urgently. Hardship assistance includes Special Needs Grants which provide non-taxable, one-off recoverable or non-recoverable financial assistance to people to meet immediate needs, such as a food grant.

More information about food grants is available on Work and Income's website at: www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/urgent-costs/food.html

When looking at the trend in numbers over the last ten years, it is important to take into account wider economic changes in that time, including the increase in basic living costs, such as food and rents.

Further information of those movements is available in the latest Household Incomes Report, which can be accessed on the Ministry's website: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/monitoring/household-incomes/

Please note that hardship assistance can be granted to any person that meets the eligibility criteria, and the person does not need to be in receipt of a main benefit. All clients, beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries are included in the tables outlined below.

Tables one to six show nationally and by Waikato districts, from the fiscal year 2005/06 to 2016/17, the number and dollar value of food related Special Needs Grants broken down by the number of grants each year.

Tables seven to nine show nationally and by Waikato districts, from the fiscal year 2005/06 to 2016/17, the number of declined applications for food related Special Needs Grants and those appealed with a successful outcome.

The Ministry can report on the amount of a food grant that has been issued and has expired, with no amount spent by the client since the payment card was introduced in November 2009. In tables ten and eleven you are provided with the number and amount of food related Special Needs Grants issued where the spend amount is \$0, nationally and by Waikato districts, for the complete fiscal years 2010/11 to 2016/17. I am unable to provide you with the total amount of food grants that have been issued and partially spent with the remaining amount expired, as this information is held in notes on individual case files. In order to provide you with this information Ministry staff would have to manually review thousands of files. As such I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

In order to protect client privacy, some values fewer than six are suppressed and are represented by 'S'. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

Further information regarding benefits and hardship payments is available on the Ministry's website. The Benefit Fact Sheets provide a high-level view of trends in hardship information over the past five years. The Fact Sheets present numbers and characteristics of clients who have received hardship assistance at the end of the current quarter and for the equivalent quarter one year ago and five years ago. You will note Work and Income divides New Zealand into 11 regions. The Benefit Fact Sheets are available at: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

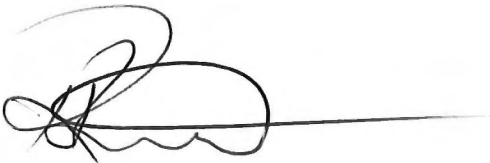
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 shortly. 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.

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

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Ruth Bound
Deputy Chief Executive, Service Delivery

Table One: The dollar value of food related Special Needs Grants by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants to a client each year, nationally.

Number of grants to client	Dollar value by fiscal year					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
1	\$7,406,765	\$7,376,663	\$7,759,669	\$9,318,765	\$10,190,892	\$9,706,925
2	\$7,540,959	\$7,221,355	\$7,717,985	\$10,107,907	\$11,850,802	\$13,450,009
3	\$5,786,142	\$5,289,645	\$5,808,010	\$8,203,726	\$10,288,882	\$11,651,681
4	\$3,749,936	\$3,159,329	\$3,542,167	\$5,978,709	\$7,828,081	\$8,383,002
5	\$1,936,173	\$1,538,348	\$1,754,187	\$4,125,142	\$5,481,017	\$5,392,348
6	\$783,579	\$665,637	\$716,737	\$2,779,273	\$3,906,594	\$3,296,858
7	\$296,457	\$244,902	\$268,447	\$1,849,973	\$2,589,850	\$1,976,015
8	\$131,952	\$90,192	\$107,924	\$1,152,910	\$1,714,473	\$1,164,234
9	\$45,512	\$28,061	\$46,052	\$712,008	\$1,046,005	\$676,964
10	\$21,116	\$12,895	\$16,475	\$434,778	\$662,372	\$365,379
11	\$7,871	\$7,642	\$7,709	\$261,675	\$371,271	\$201,848
12 plus	\$5,437	\$1,330	\$11,119	\$326,211	\$600,879	\$231,280

Number of grants to client	Dollar value by fiscal year					
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1	\$10,843,912	\$10,043,840	\$10,000,832	\$10,031,611	\$10,368,540	\$9,928,544
2	\$11,967,649	\$10,990,060	\$11,042,789	\$11,311,097	\$11,539,094	\$12,400,420
3	\$7,745,763	\$6,859,418	\$7,132,913	\$7,677,608	\$7,879,105	\$9,778,512
4	\$4,408,730	\$3,815,270	\$4,028,786	\$4,396,318	\$4,703,899	\$6,130,203
5	\$2,413,167	\$1,961,869	\$2,111,099	\$2,356,644	\$2,620,076	\$3,670,934
6	\$1,357,048	\$1,062,699	\$1,122,443	\$1,207,079	\$1,348,263	\$2,040,403
7	\$742,218	\$569,760	\$541,241	\$651,199	\$756,158	\$1,190,959
8	\$438,588	\$326,276	\$315,392	\$339,049	\$393,626	\$752,105
9	\$238,656	\$187,415	\$177,329	\$173,900	\$251,492	\$490,250
10	\$131,054	\$85,137	\$90,389	\$84,680	\$122,892	\$315,241
11	\$68,923	\$46,583	\$43,601	\$57,118	\$71,075	\$206,315
12 plus	\$69,484	\$63,868	\$62,043	\$54,244	\$87,198	\$529,048

Notes:

- The number of grants to a client is the number of individual payments to a client in a single fiscal year.
- Any individual client might or might not have grants in prior or subsequent fiscal years.
- The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Table Two: The number of clients nationally who received a food related Special Needs Grant by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants to a client each year.

Number of Grants to Client	Number of clients by fiscal year											
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1	75,723	74,077	74,826	83,846	92,259	88,550	97,826	92,407	91,357	90,372	91,286	86,586
2	39,056	36,987	38,159	46,392	54,659	62,811	54,940	51,514	51,462	52,051	52,738	56,613
3	20,539	18,820	20,063	25,794	32,412	37,590	24,504	22,265	22,968	24,466	24,861	30,862
4	10,355	8,786	9,566	14,322	18,905	20,764	10,751	9,555	10,017	10,747	11,459	14,985
5	4,588	3,651	4,048	8,125	10,861	10,988	4,859	4,055	4,391	4,764	5,288	7,356
6	1,683	1,459	1,520	4,681	6,664	5,810	2,349	1,892	1,971	2,114	2,361	3,546
7	607	505	534	2,736	3,905	3,101	1,151	899	873	1,033	1,175	1,783
8	255	181	203	1,556	2,359	1,673	611	466	454	489	551	1,021
9	81	52	87	888	1,346	904	313	260	240	230	318	604
10	39	27	30	511	815	452	164	109	113	102	142	346
11	13	14	13	295	436	244	81	57	58	68	77	203
12 plus	9	3	12	350	653	266	82	75	75	62	84	351

Notes:

- The number of grants to a client is the number of individual payments to a client in a fiscal year.
- The number of clients is the number of individual clients who have received a grant.

Table Three: The dollar value of food related Special Needs Grants by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants to a client between 1 and 6 each year, and district.

Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2005/06	Hamilton	\$388,530	\$324,081	\$206,604	\$116,893	\$55,806	\$29,302
	Huntly	\$53,685	\$36,422	\$24,085	\$12,600	\$9,701	\$2,450
	Cambridge	\$22,774	\$16,781	\$8,540	\$5,234	\$260	\$1,755
	Matamata	\$13,737	\$6,544	\$3,525	\$2,040	\$820	\$361
	Te Awamutu	\$25,546	\$18,207	\$9,532	\$2,590	\$1,345	\$490
	Morrinsville	\$17,613	\$5,500	\$3,225	\$490	\$0	\$390
	Ngaruawahia	\$30,855	\$28,388	\$17,265	\$13,545	\$10,630	\$280
2006/07	Hamilton	\$420,366	\$320,245	\$216,188	\$121,876	\$47,859	\$19,654
	Huntly	\$50,065	\$42,880	\$30,015	\$16,703	\$10,445	\$4,551
	Cambridge	\$28,255	\$20,421	\$11,993	\$4,935	\$1,640	\$0
	Matamata	\$11,247	\$4,658	\$440	\$310	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$29,199	\$19,188	\$11,625	\$2,570	\$1,650	\$500
	Morrinsville	\$14,236	\$3,740	\$2,404	\$230	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$38,395	\$26,580	\$14,435	\$8,970	\$5,610	\$1,818
2007/08	Hamilton	\$468,084	\$385,626	\$237,657	\$119,910	\$69,379	\$19,268
	Huntly	\$51,230	\$45,260	\$27,715	\$18,055	\$10,034	\$2,540
	Cambridge	\$26,085	\$21,051	\$10,240	\$5,112	\$3,001	\$450
	Matamata	\$13,021	\$7,110	\$4,048	\$1,142	\$450	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$32,620	\$26,158	\$13,070	\$5,765	\$1,000	\$970
	Morrinsville	\$22,460	\$13,230	\$6,890	\$1,559	\$0	\$450
	Ngaruawahia	\$39,275	\$33,460	\$16,920	\$10,860	\$5,080	\$930
2008/09	Hamilton	\$606,791	\$512,079	\$358,496	\$218,820	\$142,293	\$93,831
	Huntly	\$63,210	\$65,430	\$45,580	\$28,095	\$26,820	\$21,115
	Cambridge	\$28,340	\$28,607	\$20,131	\$10,385	\$3,270	\$2,430
	Matamata	\$18,365	\$10,972	\$4,850	\$0	\$610	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$44,757	\$38,251	\$24,931	\$12,015	\$2,310	\$585
	Morrinsville	\$28,149	\$20,943	\$7,070	\$3,252	\$760	\$1,237
	Ngaruawahia	\$54,565	\$49,796	\$33,440	\$28,685	\$7,800	\$7,770

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2009/10	Hamilton	\$734,449	\$615,862	\$448,449	\$310,642	\$209,468	\$131,942
	Huntly	\$74,860	\$78,444	\$57,014	\$40,626	\$34,522	\$23,882
	Cambridge	\$39,077	\$35,433	\$23,272	\$9,574	\$4,970	\$2,371
	Matamata	\$30,585	\$21,095	\$12,518	\$6,098	\$1,600	\$734
	Te Awamutu	\$59,742	\$41,137	\$27,815	\$10,091	\$5,781	\$3,490
	Morrinsville	\$41,245	\$27,900	\$18,923	\$7,945	\$2,074	\$1,880
	Ngaruawahia	\$54,548	\$50,294	\$38,049	\$31,406	\$19,752	\$14,575
2010/11	Hamilton	\$677,955	\$493,244	\$287,561	\$158,942	\$94,077	\$49,157
	Huntly	\$78,330	\$85,882	\$58,239	\$34,662	\$13,600	\$12,040
	Cambridge	\$40,878	\$24,304	\$12,650	\$7,445	\$0	\$843
	Matamata	\$38,946	\$34,520	\$16,543	\$8,569	\$1,880	\$540
	Te Awamutu	\$52,987	\$31,126	\$10,027	\$3,321	\$540	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$45,938	\$33,963	\$16,491	\$4,164	\$720	\$905
	Ngaruawahia	\$45,023	\$29,638	\$19,749	\$12,619	\$12,131	\$3,821
2011/12	Hamilton	\$620,530	\$382,806	\$206,838	\$110,493	\$53,822	\$27,551
	Huntly	\$91,280	\$73,909	\$44,300	\$19,797	\$8,567	\$9,461
	Cambridge	\$41,782	\$19,771	\$2,958	\$710	\$841	\$0
	Matamata	\$35,048	\$28,709	\$8,950	\$5,300	\$2,389	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$46,623	\$20,416	\$6,190	\$1,710	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$52,155	\$25,206	\$16,463	\$5,148	\$0	\$720
	Ngaruawahia	\$38,532	\$16,862	\$6,776	\$2,433	\$3,240	\$530
2012/13	Hamilton	\$534,404	\$337,653	\$190,126	\$91,292	\$33,012	\$18,661
	Huntly	\$70,257	\$54,151	\$40,239	\$13,956	\$7,555	\$3,859
	Cambridge	\$28,082	\$12,534	\$6,362	\$2,298	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$27,511	\$17,197	\$6,785	\$3,285	\$767	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$51,902	\$24,811	\$10,017	\$4,162	\$1,101	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$39,812	\$23,064	\$9,299	\$1,770	\$535	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$40,562	\$31,811	\$20,134	\$14,041	\$6,504	\$1,610

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2013/14	Hamilton	\$574,504	\$388,207	\$235,768	\$117,217	\$50,612	\$25,350
	Huntly	\$58,590	\$41,224	\$31,105	\$12,399	\$6,392	\$2,629
	Cambridge	\$26,904	\$17,845	\$5,443	\$3,653	\$570	\$0
	Matamata	\$23,977	\$13,382	\$5,510	\$700	\$832	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$44,248	\$26,210	\$5,017	\$4,123	\$1,437	\$686
	Morrinsville	\$37,400	\$22,954	\$11,576	\$3,928	\$1,150	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$50,162	\$35,659	\$24,373	\$10,140	\$4,278	\$4,364
2014/15	Hamilton	\$588,125	\$404,312	\$262,673	\$141,976	\$70,649	\$38,505
	Huntly	\$65,325	\$40,328	\$27,394	\$9,075	\$2,275	\$730
	Cambridge	\$25,222	\$9,432	\$6,427	\$2,440	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$24,794	\$13,562	\$9,951	\$2,163	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$52,723	\$34,332	\$19,698	\$5,294	\$2,445	\$590
	Morrinsville	\$44,124	\$24,970	\$10,841	\$4,093	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$69,307	\$43,513	\$26,754	\$17,001	\$11,256	\$1,613
2015/16	Hamilton	\$717,193	\$473,153	\$299,773	\$173,356	\$85,575	\$40,977
	Huntly	\$91,369	\$60,493	\$34,293	\$22,116	\$8,943	\$2,125
	Cambridge	\$29,426	\$13,608	\$6,980	\$700	\$0	\$1,402
	Matamata	\$30,885	\$15,203	\$5,879	\$3,600	\$1,050	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$65,866	\$36,602	\$21,656	\$8,274	\$3,018	\$785
	Morrinsville	\$39,164	\$18,582	\$3,670	\$3,330	\$1,043	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$67,632	\$39,663	\$24,351	\$10,422	\$4,734	\$3,228
2016/17	Hamilton	\$722,129	\$477,306	\$319,912	\$182,239	\$126,896	\$69,483
	Huntly	\$90,820	\$60,180	\$42,182	\$18,452	\$10,662	\$5,223
	Cambridge	\$30,350	\$16,135	\$8,078	\$1,627	\$1,111	\$1,721
	Matamata	\$28,578	\$18,480	\$10,283	\$6,289	\$1,250	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$69,257	\$37,389	\$25,498	\$7,289	\$2,141	\$670
	Morrinsville	\$39,327	\$13,186	\$4,135	\$810	\$0	\$1,055
	Ngaruawahia	\$83,663	\$41,573	\$28,996	\$12,760	\$5,579	\$2,650

Notes:

- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale Service Centres.
- The amounts are for those granted, not necessarily spent.
- The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Table Four: The dollar value of food related Special Needs Grants by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants to a client between 7 and 12 plus each year, and district.

Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		7	8	9	10	11	12 plus
2005/06	Hamilton	\$8,045	\$6,115	\$1,235	\$335	\$0	\$0
	Huntly	\$640	\$520	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$1,865	\$0	\$680	\$0	\$0	\$0
2006/07	Hamilton	\$10,567	\$2,920	\$1,520	\$300	\$0	\$0
	Huntly	\$550	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$490	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$1,025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007/08	Hamilton	\$10,053	\$2,005	\$1,370	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Huntly	\$780	\$180	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2008/09	Hamilton	\$60,170	\$35,909	\$26,347	\$14,416	\$6,250	\$8,715
	Huntly	\$16,630	\$6,190	\$7,085	\$2,510	\$1,614	\$3,005
	Cambridge	\$1,460	\$950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$630	\$0	\$730	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$1,320	\$0	\$930	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$570	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$4,650	\$5,975	\$1,290	\$750	\$970	\$900

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		7	8	9	10	11	12 plus
2009/10	Hamilton	\$91,803	\$61,553	\$43,076	\$17,949	\$9,721	\$15,482
	Huntly	\$15,733	\$10,220	\$7,912	\$7,343	\$639	\$3,700
	Cambridge	\$700	\$2,212	\$0	\$0	\$538	\$0
	Matamata	\$500	\$620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$590	\$640	\$1,555	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$660	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$10,324	\$7,045	\$4,942	\$2,378	\$2,537	\$3,250
2010/11	Hamilton	\$26,940	\$12,229	\$8,533	\$3,736	\$1,876	\$0
	Huntly	\$6,507	\$2,957	\$1,678	\$1,657	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$731	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$2,251	\$5,795	\$2,812	\$0	\$0	\$0
2011/12	Hamilton	\$12,381	\$7,287	\$5,328	\$2,522	\$1,225	\$573
	Huntly	\$3,076	\$804	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2012/13	Hamilton	\$10,758	\$3,484	\$2,528	\$419	\$0	\$920
	Huntly	\$758	\$620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$3,186	\$1,587	\$0	\$971	\$0	\$0

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		7	8	9	10	11	12 plus
2013/14	Hamilton	\$9,931	\$4,181	\$3,888	\$1,404	\$0	\$2,318
	Huntly	\$1,730	\$0	\$0	\$760	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$1,008	\$932	\$793	\$0	\$0	\$0
2014/15	Hamilton	\$8,948	\$5,715	\$4,734	\$1,418	\$0	\$0
	Huntly	\$0	\$764	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$2,526	\$1,290	\$0	\$810	\$0	\$0
2015/16	Hamilton	\$22,526	\$18,376	\$9,273	\$1,827	\$3,584	\$1,896
	Huntly	\$1,621	\$620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$1,401	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2016/17	Hamilton	\$34,513	\$21,966	\$13,083	\$2,641	\$2,131	\$3,212
	Huntly	\$4,161	\$1,104	\$1,143	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Cambridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Matamata	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Te Awamutu	\$0	\$902	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Morrinsville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Ngaruawahia	\$3,396	\$940	\$1,349	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes:

- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale Service Centres.
- The amounts are for those granted, not necessarily spent.
- The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Table Five: The number of clients who received a food related Special Needs Grant by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants between 1 and 6 to a client each year, and district.

Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2005/06	Hamilton	4,209	1,699	742	330	136	66
	Huntly	544	193	84	35	20	6
	Cambridge	210	78	27	13	S	S
	Matamata	167	40	14	7	S	S
	Te Awamutu	266	91	35	7	S	S
	Morrinsville	201	32	13	S	0	S
	Ngaruawahia	339	149	65	36	25	S
2006/07	Hamilton	4,371	1,684	745	334	113	43
	Huntly	479	203	106	48	27	9
	Cambridge	274	95	38	15	S	0
	Matamata	134	28	S	S	0	0
	Te Awamutu	311	92	39	8	S	S
	Morrinsville	175	25	11	S	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	384	134	54	27	14	S
2007/08	Hamilton	4,761	1,892	815	316	167	43
	Huntly	512	228	100	50	24	6
	Cambridge	241	101	32	12	7	S
	Matamata	140	38	16	S	S	0
	Te Awamutu	327	133	43	14	S	S
	Morrinsville	236	66	22	S	0	S
	Ngaruawahia	388	167	61	31	12	S
2008/09	Hamilton	5,846	2,410	1,093	516	277	152
	Huntly	580	312	142	73	52	37
	Cambridge	259	125	57	18	6	S
	Matamata	205	56	15	0	S	0
	Te Awamutu	424	182	77	29	S	S
	Morrinsville	303	104	26	10	S	S
	Ngaruawahia	472	214	111	68	17	12
2009/10	Hamilton	6,884	2,872	1,411	738	399	222
	Huntly	693	373	188	102	70	42
	Cambridge	352	155	70	21	9	S
	Matamata	292	100	40	14	S	S
	Te Awamutu	560	194	84	27	11	6
	Morrinsville	398	140	59	21	S	S
	Ngaruawahia	543	253	132	78	42	28
2010/11	Hamilton	6,575	2,403	955	399	187	86
	Huntly	722	404	189	87	29	21
	Cambridge	358	111	36	20	0	S
	Matamata	331	150	50	18	S	S
	Te Awamutu	477	141	32	8	S	0
	Morrinsville	439	161	54	13	S	S
	Ngaruawahia	492	158	74	36	26	9

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2011/12	Hamilton	5,775	1,841	651	269	109	47
	Huntly	865	342	136	49	16	16
	Cambridge	380	84	9	S	S	0
	Matamata	298	120	26	12	S	0
	Te Awamutu	422	89	19	3	0	0
	Morrinsville	462	113	50	11	0	S
	Ngaruawahia	407	84	25	6	6	S
2012/13	Hamilton	5,102	1,627	610	229	76	34
	Huntly	668	248	120	34	14	7
	Cambridge	243	56	18	6	0	0
	Matamata	221	72	19	7	S	0
	Te Awamutu	496	114	32	9	S	0
	Morrinsville	372	112	30	S	S	0
	Ngaruawahia	404	149	72	36	12	S
2013/14	Hamilton	5,486	1,867	781	297	103	42
	Huntly	571	204	99	28	13	S
	Cambridge	221	72	14	7	S	0
	Matamata	210	58	16	S	S	0
	Te Awamutu	442	126	16	11	S	S
	Morrinsville	354	105	36	9	S	0
	Ngaruawahia	486	175	81	29	10	7
2014/15	Hamilton	5,572	1,955	838	353	140	65
	Huntly	629	192	84	20	S	S
	Cambridge	222	40	18	S	0	0
	Matamata	218	64	28	S	0	0
	Te Awamutu	473	165	65	14	S	S
	Morrinsville	393	114	32	9	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	655	217	96	44	24	S
2015/16	Hamilton	6,627	2,237	943	429	174	73
	Huntly	842	287	108	58	18	S
	Cambridge	247	62	20	S	0	S
	Matamata	269	67	17	8	S	0
	Te Awamutu	573	163	66	18	S	S
	Morrinsville	333	80	10	6	S	0
	Ngaruawahia	599	181	80	26	9	6
2016/17	Hamilton	6,682	2,233	1,021	445	253	124
	Huntly	872	291	144	48	22	8
	Cambridge	274	70	24	S	S	S
	Matamata	255	84	32	14	S	0
	Te Awamutu	593	173	78	20	S	S
	Morrinsville	344	59	12	S	0	S
	Ngaruawahia	723	183	86	32	11	S

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Table Six: The number of clients who received a food related Special Needs Grant by fiscal year, broken down by the number of grants between 7 and 12 plus to a client each year, and district.

Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		7	8	9	10	11	12 plus
2005/06	Hamilton	17	12	S	S	0	0
	Huntly	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	0	S	0	0	0
2006/07	Hamilton	20	6	S	S	0	0
	Huntly	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	S	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	0	0	0	0	0
2007/08	Hamilton	21	S	S	0	0	0
	Huntly	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	0	0	0	0	0
2008/09	Hamilton	86	48	32	16	8	10
	Huntly	24	9	9	S	S	S
	Cambridge	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	S	0	S	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	S	0	S	0
	Morrinsville	S	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	7	8	S	S	S	S
2009/10	Hamilton	131	81	54	23	12	16
	Huntly	25	14	10	9	S	S
	Cambridge	S	S	0	0	S	0
	Matamata	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	S	S	S	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	S	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	16	11	8	S	S	S
2010/11	Hamilton	43	17	10	S	S	0
	Huntly	10	S	S	S	0	0
	Cambridge	S	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	S	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	10	S	0	0	0

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Fiscal year	District	Number of grants to client					
		7	8	9	10	11	12 plus
2011/12	Hamilton	21	10	6	S	S	S
	Huntly	6	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	0	0	0	0	0
2012/13	Hamilton	18	6	S	S	0	S
	Huntly	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	6	S	0	S	0	0
2013/14	Hamilton	16	6	S	S	0	S
	Huntly	S	0	0	S	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	S	S	0	0	0
2014/15	Hamilton	14	8	S	S	0	0
	Huntly	0	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	S	0	S	0	0
2015/16	Hamilton	31	26	11	S	S	S
	Huntly	S	S	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	Hamilton	54	29	17	S	S	S
	Huntly	6	S	S	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	S	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	S	S	S	0	0	0

Notes:

- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale Service Centres
- 'S' represents a suppressed cell to protect clients privacy.

Table Seven: The number of declined applications for a food related Special Needs Grant, nationally broken down by fiscal year.

Fiscal year	Number of applications declined
2005/06	17797
2006/07	17445
2007/08	17477
2008/09	21336
2009/10	31031
2010/11	35315
2011/12	23683
2012/13	20440
2013/14	17197
2014/15	16483
2015/16	15534
2016/17	15920

Table Eight: The number of declined applications for a food related Special Needs Grant, broken down by district and fiscal year.

Fiscal year	District	Number of applications declined
2005/06	Hamilton	699
	Huntly	81
	Cambridge	35
	Matamata	104
	Te Awamutu	113
	Morrinsville	98
	Ngaruawahia	70
2006/07	Hamilton	603
	Huntly	66
	Cambridge	42
	Matamata	57
	Te Awamutu	87
	Morrinsville	91
	Ngaruawahia	70
2007/08	Hamilton	596
	Huntly	100
	Cambridge	40
	Matamata	39
	Te Awamutu	97
	Morrinsville	78
	Ngaruawahia	55
2008/09	Hamilton	726
	Huntly	136
	Cambridge	55
	Matamata	70
	Te Awamutu	115
	Morrinsville	78
	Ngaruawahia	74
2009/10	Hamilton	1090
	Huntly	255
	Cambridge	57
	Matamata	65
	Te Awamutu	220
	Morrinsville	77
	Ngaruawahia	140

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Fiscal year	District	Number of Applications Declined
2010/11	Hamilton	883
	Huntly	175
	Cambridge	41
	Matamata	13
	Te Awamutu	161
	Morrinsville	78
	Ngaruawahia	150
2011/12	Hamilton	691
	Huntly	127
	Cambridge	28
	Matamata	10
	Te Awamutu	151
	Morrinsville	74
	Ngaruawahia	103
2012/13	Hamilton	764
	Huntly	144
	Cambridge	35
	Matamata	19
	Te Awamutu	71
	Morrinsville	78
	Ngaruawahia	87
2013/14	Hamilton	658
	Huntly	108
	Cambridge	23
	Matamata	30
	Te Awamutu	79
	Morrinsville	75
	Ngaruawahia	91
2014/15	Hamilton	620
	Huntly	81
	Cambridge	20
	Matamata	28
	Te Awamutu	48
	Morrinsville	77
	Ngaruawahia	150

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Fiscal year	District	Number of Applications Declined
2015/16	Hamilton	579
	Huntly	71
	Cambridge	16
	Matamata	20
	Te Awamutu	30
	Morrinsville	52
	Ngaruawahia	75
2016/17	Hamilton	592
	Huntly	56
	Cambridge	9
	Matamata	15
	Te Awamutu	33
	Morrinsville	46
	Ngaruawahia	81

Notes:

- Current geographic breakdowns of the beneficiary client base are only available by the Ministry Service Centre responsible for their case management.
- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale Service Centres.

Table Nine: The number of food related hardship assistance grants which were reviewed with a successful outcome by fiscal year.

Fiscal year	District	Number of review applications received	Internal Review		Benefit Review Committee	
			Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful	Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful
2005/06	Nationwide	78	6	2	0	0
	Hamilton	1	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	1	0	0	0	0
2006/07	Nationwide	51	7	1	2	0
	Hamilton	2	1	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2007/08	Nationwide	47	11	0	0	2
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	1	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2008/09	Nationwide	43	9	0	2	1
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	1	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2009/10	Nationwide	109	13	1	3	0
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	1	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	1	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0

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Fiscal year	District	Number of review applications received	Internal Review		Benefit Review Committee	
			Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful	Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful
2010/11	Nationwide	127	24	1	6	1
	Hamilton	3	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	1	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	1	1	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	4	0	0	0	0
2011/12	Nationwide	105	11	3	4	0
	Hamilton	1	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	1	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	1	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2012/13	Nationwide	75	11	0	2	3
	Hamilton	1	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	Nationwide	67	11	1	2	0
	Hamilton	1	0	1	0	0
	Huntly	2	1	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	1	0	0	0	0
2014/15	Nationwide	42	2	0	2	1
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0
	Huntly	1	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0

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Fiscal year	District	Number of review applications received	Internal Review		Benefit Review Committee	
			Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful	Number of reviews successful	Number of reviews partially successful
2015/16	Nationwide	62	13	1	3	0
	Hamilton	1	1	0	0	0
	Huntly	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	Nationwide	136	17	1	1	1
	Hamilton	1	1	0	0	0
	Huntly	1	1	0	0	0
	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	0
	Matamata	0	0	0	0	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	0	0
	Morrinsville	0	0	0	0	0
	Ngaruawahia	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

- A review of application received in any year may have had a successful outcome at the internal review or Benefit Review Committee stage in a different year.

Table Ten: The number and dollar value of payment cards issued nationally where the spend amount is \$0, broken down by fiscal year.

Fiscal year	Number grants where spend on payment card is \$0	Dollar value of grants nationally where spend on payment card is \$0
2010/11	4,132	\$352,293
2011/12	5,513	\$517,073
2012/13	3,810	\$333,186
2013/14	1,212	\$101,615
2014/15	3,014	\$259,844
2015/16	3,805	\$348,517
2016/17	4,728	\$423,835

Notes:

- Payment cards counted are those issued and subsequently expired with a total spend amount of \$0.
- This is a count of payment cards, not of clients.
- Payment cards which have had a partial grant amount spent have not been counted.
- Reporting time period has been limited because payment cards were issued from November 2009.
- The amount not spent does not reflect total grant amount not spent. The amounts included are for payment cards where the total spend amount is \$0 and the expiry date has passed.
- Reporting time period has been limited because payment cards were issued from November 2009.
- The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Table Eleven: The number and dollar value of payment cards issued where the spend amount is \$0, broken down by district and fiscal year.

Fiscal year	District													
	Hamilton		Huntly		Cambridge		Matamata		Te Awamutu		Morrinsville		Ngaruawahia	
	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value	Number	Dollar value
2010/11	110	\$9,184	19	\$2,170	6	\$620	8	\$780	8	\$920	S	\$160	9	\$391
2011/12	153	\$13,868	30	\$2,841	9	\$900	7	\$585	9	\$685	6	\$650	11	\$868
2012/13	96	\$8,973	20	\$2,214	8	\$833	8	\$990	12	\$1,357	S	\$490	6	\$572
2013/14	33	\$2,518	9	\$966	0	\$0	S	\$100	S	\$210	S	\$100	0	\$0
2014/15	82	\$8,074	11	\$1,194	6	\$475	S	\$170	14	\$1,339	S	\$530	7	\$590
2015/16	134	\$12,691	15	\$1,489	9	\$1,030	S	\$100	12	\$1,330	S	\$278	14	\$1,009
2016/17	165	\$14,423	14	\$994	18	\$2,150	S	\$650	10	\$691	7	\$520	11	\$1,413

Notes:

- Payment cards counted are those issued and subsequently expired with a total spend amount of \$0.
- This is a count of payment cards, not of clients.
- Payment cards which have had a partial grant amount spent have not been counted.
- Reporting time period has been limited because payment cards were issued from November 2009.
- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale offices
- The amount not spent does not reflect total grant amount not spent. The amounts included are for payment cards where the total spend amount is \$0 and the expiry date has passed.
- Reporting time period has been limited because payment cards were issued from November 2009.
- Hamilton District includes Hamilton, Glenview, Five Cross Roads, Hamilton East, Hamilton City Super and Dinsdale office.
- The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.