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Dear [REDACTED]

On 24 November 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The figures for the deduction of overseas government pensions from entitlement to New Zealand Superannuation and the countries and number of persons affected for the year ending April 2017.*

On 5 December 2017, you indicated that you would prefer to receive this data for the year ending June 2017.

Please find attached a table showing the annualised value of deductions made under section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964, broken down by the number of overseas pensions and country of origin, as at the end of June 2016 and June 2017. This provides a more complete list of countries than that which was included in the response to you dated 28 July 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 available to the wider public shortly. 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding deductions made under section 70 of the Social Security Act, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ruth Bound', with a large, stylized initial 'R' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ruth Bound
Deputy Chief Executive, Service Delivery

The number of overseas pensions subject to deductions under section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964, and the annualised value of deductions broken down by country of origin:

Country of origin	As at the end of June 2016		As at the end of June 2017	
	Number	Annualised Value	Number	Annualised Value
Australia	15,660	\$68,375,111.83	17,103	\$75,830,827.96
Austria	16	\$106,462.08	16	\$87,206.24
Belgium	19	\$78,790.92	21	\$106,633.08
Bulgaria	33	\$85,917.24	32	\$79,227.00
Canada	2,358	\$8,181,649.84	2,638	\$8,795,357.33
Croatia	23	\$123,002.40	24	\$113,958.72
Czechoslovakia	12	\$42,221.52	12	\$41,243.16
Denmark	126	\$555,012.25	131	\$586,317.79
Egypt	12	\$41,456.40	13	\$19,663.92
Fiji	61	\$224,167.93	60	\$207,820.14
France	83	\$260,323.94	89	\$257,533.47
Germany	434	\$2,650,002.81	481	\$2,921,685.23
Greece	10	\$18,041.64	10	\$28,293.24
Guernsey	116	\$578,886.08	128	\$567,557.60
Hungary	9	\$41,984.00	8	\$38,913.80
Ireland	280	\$1,447,333.24	303	\$1,497,634.00
Isle of Man	48	\$218,176.38	42	\$150,762.10
Italy	13	\$111,417.39	16	\$136,753.96
Japan	123	\$801,512.36	144	\$963,834.54
Jersey	106	\$490,708.40	117	\$488,653.88
Republic of Korea	37	\$121,856.84	46	\$157,347.68
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26	\$130,259.64	29	\$142,205.88
Malaysia	8	\$43,882.80	8	\$39,713.76
Malta	7	\$38,861.07	8	\$37,718.85
The Netherlands	4,320	\$22,315,627.44	4,401	\$21,802,247.15
Norway	12	\$94,371.96	15	\$124,162.44

Country of origin	As at the end of June 2016		As at the end of June 2017	
	Number	Annualised Value	Number	Annualised Value
Philippines	219	\$320,404.01	260	\$381,963.70
Poland	20	\$127,691.64	25	\$144,757.12
Romania	38	\$193,394.76	38	\$190,755.53
Russian Federation	232	\$822,208.68	254	\$1,051,918.00
Western Samoa	8	\$6,561.00	12	\$10,069.44
Serbia	16	\$55,336.68	24	\$81,369.04
Singapore	29	\$140,983.64	41	\$213,345.36
Sri Lanka	20	\$49,159.92	17	\$36,365.40
Sweden	74	\$381,502.00	91	\$423,933.93
Switzerland	329	\$1,743,416.26	371	\$1,912,686.04
Taiwan	146	\$463,891.14	220	\$720,613.60
Thailand	10	\$7,671.36	15	\$9,498.12
United Kingdom	59,611	\$228,858,613.09	61,490	\$219,353,328.25
United States of America	591	\$6,473,757.95	666	\$7,477,060.25
Other – Europe	24	\$84531.48	30	\$119,604.03
Other – South America	9	\$26,911.92	8	\$24,678.88
Other – Pacific	13	\$44,536.09	12	\$40,583.76
Other	12	\$73,984.56	13	\$61,379.16
Total	85,353	\$347,051,594.58	89,482	\$347,477,182.53

Note:

- The country given is where the overseas pension is paid from.
- Countries where the number of pensions is lower than 5 are grouped together by region.
- Countries where the number of pensions is lower than 5 that are not within Europe, South America, or the Pacific are grouped as 'Other'. This includes countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and elsewhere.
- The annualised value is an approximate value of overseas pension in New Zealand dollars as at the time of the report, based on exchange rates at that point in time.
- This data relates primarily to deductions from Superannuation payments, however may also relate to other forms of financial support under the Social Security Act 1964.