



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear [REDACTED]

On 1 December 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The number of people trespassed from all MSD sites in 2015, 2016, and 2017 (as at 30 November 2017)*
- *A breakdown of the above statistics by sites i.e. Northern, Central, Southern etc.*
- *Statistics for what the trespasses are for i.e. verbal, physical assaults.*

Please refer to the table below which shows the number of trespass notices issued from 1 January 2015 from each Work and Income Region, broken down by calendar year.

<b>Region</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Auckland</b>	81	67	110
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>	23	30	19
<b>Canterbury</b>	45	21	20
<b>Central</b>	24	21	21
<b>East Coast</b>	22	25	22
<b>Nelson</b>	18	16	13
<b>Northland</b>	22	23	24
<b>Southern</b>	24	24	18
<b>Taranaki</b>	22	21	19
<b>Waikato</b>	55	29	47
<b>Wellington</b>	38	26	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>341</b>

Notes:

- 2017 data is at as 30 November 2017.

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The Ministry does not issue trespass notices lightly, and once issued, works to ensure the needs of the client are addressed, while maintaining the safety of staff. Before issuing a trespass notice, Site Managers will first consider:

- the seriousness of the incident or offence committed
- whether it is the first incident or offence
- whether it is likely to happen again
- the person's attitude after the incident and whether they are likely to heed a warning letter and change their behaviour.

This consideration is recorded in emails between staff and in the notes section of SOSHI, the Ministry's health, safety, and security incident recording system. In order to provide the reasons for each trespass, Ministry staff would have to manually review thousands of emails and SOSHI records. As such, your request for statistics regarding the reasons for the issuing of trespass notices is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of individuals trespassed from Ministry sites, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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