



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
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Dear [REDACTED]

On 26 February 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding financial assistance received by people who have health conditions in the Hawke's Bay regions of Flaxmere, Hastings, Napier and Taradale.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. Financial assistance received by adults and children who have a health condition and or disability in the Hawkes Bay region. Broken down by Hastings, Flaxmere, Napier and Taradale:*
- 2. How many people receive CDA for a dependent child. If a total figure can then be broken down into identified ethnic groups. If information can be outlined in child age groups also.*
- 3. How many people receive SLP due to incapacity. If a total figure can then be broken down into identified ethnic groups. If information can be outlined in age groups also. In the last 12 months how many people in receipt of SLP have had their benefit cancelled due to entering into employment.*
- 4. How many people receive JS with a medical deferral. If a total figure can then be broken down into identified ethnic groups. If information can be outlined in age groups also. In the last 12 months how many people in receipt of JS with a medical deferral have had their benefit cancelled due to entering into employment.*
- 5. How many people receive UCB. If a total figure can then be broken down into identified ethnic groups. If information can be outlined in child age groups also.*

The Ministry works with people to ensure that they are receiving their full and correct entitlement. There is a range of support available to people depending on their circumstances.

A number of factors are considered when assessing a person's eligibility for assistance. The online eligibility guide, launched in July 2018, helps individuals identify the types of financial assistance they may qualify for. This guide can be found on the Work and Income website here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/online-services/eligibility/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/online-services/eligibility/index.html).

More information about the types of assistance that Work and Income offer is available at the following websites:

- The Child Disability Allowance (CDA) is available to the main caregiver of a child or young person in recognition of the extra care and attention needed

for that child. More information is available here:  
[www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/child-disability-allowance.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/child-disability-allowance.html)

- The Supported Living Payment (SLP) is available to people who have, or are caring for someone with, a health condition, injury or disability. More information is available here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/supported-living-payment.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/supported-living-payment.html)
- The Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB) helps carers supporting a child or young person whose parents are not able to care for them. More information about the UCB is available here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/unsupported-childs-benefit.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/unsupported-childs-benefit.html).

You will find enclosed nine tables which provide the following information:

- Table One shows the number of current CDA caregivers as at the end of December 2018, broken down by the number of CDA children per caregiver and specified site.
- Table Two shows the number of current CDA caregivers as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group of the caregiver and specified site.
- Table Three shows the number of current CDA children as at the end of December 2018 broken down by age of each child being cared for and specified site.
- Table Four shows the number of current working age SLP clients excluding Carers, and working age Jobseeker Support clients- Health Condition and Disability (JS-HC&D) as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group and specified site.
- Table Five shows the number of current working age SLP clients excluding Carers, and working age JS-HC&D clients as at the end of December 2018 broken down by age group and specified site.
- Table Six shows the number of cancellations of working age SLP clients excluding Carers, and working age JS-HC&D clients for 'Obtain Work' reasons between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 broken down by specified site.
- Table Seven shows the number of current UCB caregivers in specified sites as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group of caregiver, and specified site.
- Table Eight shows the number of current UCB caregivers in specified sites as at the end of December 2018 by number of children per caregiver, broken down by specified site.
- Table Nine shows the number of current UCB children during the 2018 calendar year by month and age group broken down by specified site.

In order to protect client privacy, some values have been suppressed and are represented by an '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, the 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 the information.

Please note the ethnicity classification that is used to construct these tables does not necessarily align with the current Statistics New Zealand classification of ethnicity. Ethnicity details recorded by the Ministry have been gathered under a varied of classification methods as clients come into contact with the Ministry.

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 financial assistance received for a health condition or disability in the Hawke's Bay Region, 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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**Table One: Current Child Disability Allowance (CDA) caregivers as at the end of December 2018, broken down by the number of CDA children per caregiver and specified site.**

Site	Number of CDA children							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Flaxmere	161	20	7	0	0	0	0	188
Hastings	546	83	S	S	0	0	0	646
Napier	557	75	16	S	0	0	S	651
Taradale	191	23	S	S	0	0	0	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1,704</b>

**Table Two: Current CDA caregivers as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group of the caregiver and specified site.**

Site	Ethnic group					Total
	Māori	Pacific Island	NZ European	Other	Unspecified	
Flaxmere	123	S	33	S	S	188
Hastings	236	21	293	74	22	646
Napier	212	11	342	68	18	651
Taradale	57	S	128	S	S	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,704</b>

**Notes:**

- This is the number of caregivers, not children. A caregiver may have more than one CDA child assigned to them.
- Please note the ethnicity classification that is used to construct this table does not necessarily align with the current Statistics New Zealand classification of ethnicity. Ethnicity details recorded by the Ministry have been gathered under a varied of classification methods as clients come into contact with the Ministry.
- 'S' represents a suppressed cell.

**Table Three: Current CDA children as at the end of December 2018 broken down by age of each child being cared for and specified site.**

Site	Child age band			Total
	0 - 4	5 - 12	13 - 18	
Flaxmere	34	127	61	<b>222</b>
Hastings	121	435	208	<b>764</b>
Napier	146	442	182	<b>770</b>
Taradale	31	133	89	<b>253</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>2,009</b>

**Notes:**

- CDA is paid to the principal caregiver for a child with a serious disability and who needs constant care and attention e.g. physical, sensory, psychiatric or intellectual disability.
- CDA can be paid to partners and primary clients in their own right.
- This is a count of CDA children, not caregivers, and the same caregiver may have more than one CDA child assigned to them.

**Table Four: Current working age Supported Living Payment (SLP) clients excluding Carers, and working age Jobseeker Support clients- Health Condition and Disability (JS-HC&D) as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group and specified site.**

Benefit	Site	Ethnic group					Total
		Māori	Pacific Island	NZ European	Other	Unspecified	
SLP excluding Carers	Napier	418	19	745	161	39	1,382
	Hastings	491	21	665	130	41	1,348
	Flaxmere	229	25	98	17	6	375
	Taradale	100	9	292	70	22	493
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,598</b>
JS-HC&D	Napier	276	S	327	53	S	682
	Hastings	282	17	287	45	13	644
	Flaxmere	116	13	43	7	0	179
	Taradale	68	S	153	17	S	248
	<b>Total</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,753</b>

**Notes:**

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**Table Five: Current working age SLP clients excluding Carers, and working age JS-HC&D clients as at the end of December 2018 broken down by age group and specified site.**

Benefit	Site	Age group										Total
		18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
<b>SLP excluding Carers</b>	Napier	23	80	89	86	101	121	168	190	278	246	<b>1,382</b>
	Hastings	24	78	68	82	75	115	170	213	256	267	<b>1,348</b>
	Flaxmere	6	20	22	27	29	40	47	51	59	74	<b>375</b>
	Taradale	16	39	32	24	32	40	59	66	82	103	<b>493</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>3,598</b>
<b>JS-HC&amp;D</b>	Napier	26	91	68	67	55	64	90	77	85	59	<b>682</b>
	Hastings	26	58	65	66	60	59	64	104	85	57	<b>644</b>
	Flaxmere	6	25	18	11	17	18	25	25	19	15	<b>179</b>
	Taradale	11	35	31	20	21	24	29	27	23	27	<b>248</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,753</b>

**Table Six: Cancellations of working age SLP clients excluding carers and working age JS-HC&D clients for 'Obtain Work' reasons between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 broken down by specified site.**

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Number of cancellations</b>
<b>SLP excluding Carers</b>	Napier	21
	Hastings	28
	Flaxmere	8
	Taradale	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>JS-HC&amp;D</b>	Napier	119
	Hastings	128
	Flaxmere	48
	Taradale	41
	<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>

**Notes:**

- This is a count of cancellations, not a count of clients.
- A client may have more than one cancellation in the period.



**Table Seven: Current Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB) caregivers in specified sites as at the end of December 2018 broken down by ethnic group of caregiver and specified site.**

Site	Ethnic group					Total
	Māori	Pacific Island	NZ European	Other	Unspecified	
Napier	114	S	44	S	9	170
Hastings	121	12	58	10	10	211
Flaxmere	82	S	8	S	S	106
Taradale	34	S	23	S	S	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>556</b>

**Notes:**

- A UCB caregiver may have more than one UCB child assigned to them.
- 'S' represents a suppressed cell.

**Table Eight: Current UCB caregivers in specified sites as at the end of December 2018 by number of children per caregiver, broken down by specified site.**

Site	Number of UCB children per caregiver							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Napier	110	35	17	S	S	S	0	170
Hastings	133	48	22	S	S	S	S	211
Flaxmere	59	24	13	S	S	0	0	106
Taradale	47	11	7	S	S	S	0	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>556</b>

**Notes:**

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- 'S' represents a suppressed cell.

**Table Nine: Current UCB children during the 2018 calendar year broken down by month, age group and specified site.**

Month ending	Child age band			Total
	0 - 4	5 - 12	13 - 18	
<b>March 2018</b>	129	430	242	<b>801</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	142	440	251	<b>833</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	138	453	273	<b>864</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	145	473	282	<b>900</b>

**Notes:**

- This is a count of UCB included children, not caregivers, and the same caregiver may have more than one UCB child assigned to them.