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Dear 

On 13 September 2019, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *a breakdown for the Wairarapa youth enrolled in the Youth Service, NEET programme.*

The Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) service is a voluntary, targeted service for young people who are not engaged in employment, education or training, or those people at risk of becoming NEET.

As at the end of June 2019, there were 68 clients enrolled in the NEET programme with the Youth Service in the Wairarapa region. Within in the Youth Service, there were also 32 people in receipt of the Youth Payment and 21 were in receipt of the Youth Parent Payment.

Please note that this data does not align with the Statistics New Zealand definition of NEET, and only shows the number of people enrolled in the Youth Service's NEET programme. The location of the client's closest Service Centre has been used to approximate the Territorial Authority (TLA).

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 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 regarding Wairarapa youth enrolled in Youth Service NEET programme, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'EB', is positioned above the typed name.

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