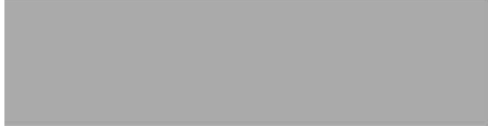




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Dear 

On 13 November 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

Total number of Accommodation Supplement payments and Main Benefit recipients in Southland broken down by town/area.

I apologise for the delay in responding to this request. Please find enclosed an excel spreadsheet with the information you have requested.

Please note that in order to protect client privacy, some values 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 and public interest in the information.

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 attachment 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 about the number of Main Benefits and Accommodation Supplements in Southland, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Bridget Saunders', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bridget Saunders
Manager Issue Resolution Service Delivery

Number of current working age clients receiving Accommodation Supplement and the number of working age clients on Main Benefits
By Southland area unit as at 30 September 2019

Area Unit	Accommodation Supplement Recipients	Number of working age clients on Main Benefits
APPLEBY-KEW	287	273
BALFOUR COMMUNITY	S	7
BAY ROAD WEST	S	S
BLUFF	166	179
BUSHY POINT	S	7
CRINAN	413	408
DACRE	25	29
EDENDALE COMMUNITY	20	23
FAIRFAX	38	44
GEORGETOWN	308	303
GLADSTONE-AVENAL	177	178
GRASMERE	210	176
GREENHILLS	25	31
HAWTHORNDALE	175	177
HEIDELBERG	317	328
HOKONUI	46	55
KAWEKU	S	S
KINGSWELL-CLIFTON	416	409
LUMSDEN COMMUNITY	22	23
MAKAREWA	24	39
MAKAREWA NORTH	S	0
MANAPOURI	11	8
MARAROA RIVER	13	17
MILL ROAD-WOODEND	19	27
MOSSBURN	6	8
MYROSS BUSH	S	S
NEWFIELD-ROCKDALE	196	213
NIGHTCAPS	26	47
OHAI	27	56
ORETI BEACH	33	37
OTAKARO PARK	67	60
OTATARA	28	29
OTAUTAU	60	65
RICHMOND	237	225
RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY	10	16
RIVERTON EAST	28	29
RIVERTON WEST	44	49
ROSEDALE	96	95
STEWART ISLAND	9	10
STRATHERN	303	294
TE ANAU	50	41
TE WAEWAE	32	44
TISBURY	14	18
TOETOES	22	33
TUATAPERE	31	47
WAIANIWA	37	39
WAIKAI A	21	26
WAIKIWI	71	75
WAIRIO	12	16
WAITUNA	23	26
WALLACETOWN	16	18
WAVERLEY-GLENGARRY	197	210
WEST INVERCARGILL	13	12
WINDSOR	175	167
WINTON	109	112
WOODLANDS	7	8
WYNDHAM	43	42
Total	4,774	4,918

Notes

Main Benefit includes working age only (18-64 years)

Main benefits include the following benefit groups: Emergency Maintenance Allowance, Sole Parent Support, Supported Living Payment related, Jobseeker Student Hardship, Emergency Benefit, Jobseeker Support related, Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment

Main benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit, and Unsupported Child's Benefit
'S' represents a suppressed cell to protect clients' privacy