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On 14 October 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

Are there any Work and Income beneficiaries on the Supported Living Payment in NZ who have shoulder injuries?

Supported Living Payment (SLP) is available for people who are not able to work because they are permanently and severely restricted in their capacity for work because of a health condition, injury, or disability, or because they are totally blind.

To be eligible for SLP, a doctor must declare in a medical certificate that a person is unable to work for a period of more than two years. More information about the eligibility requirements for the SLP is available on the Ministry's website here: <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/supported-living-payment.html#null>

You ask for the number of clients receiving SLP who have shoulder injuries. Injuries are typically covered by funding through the Accident Compensation Corporation. As such, the Ministry has interpreted your request to be in relation to clients receiving SLP with the medical reason being a shoulder condition.

Please find attached at Appendix One, a table showing the number of clients receiving SLP with the primary incapacity reason being a shoulder condition, as at 30 September 2020.

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. 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 the number of clients receiving SLP with a shoulder condition, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bridget Saunders', written in a cursive style.

Bridget Saunders
**Manager, Issues Resolution
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Appendix One

The number of clients receiving the Supported Living Payment with the primary incapacity reason of "shoulder condition" as at 30 September 2020

Benefit Type	Total number of clients with primary incapacity with shoulder conditions
Supported Living Payment, Health Care and Disability	177

Notes:

- Shoulder conditions include:
 - O/E – Shoulder joint abnormal
 - Plast rep rotator cuff shoulder
 - Shoulder joint operations
 - Shoulder reconstruction for an arthritic shoulder
 - pyogenic arthritis of the shoulder region
 - localised, primary osteoarthritis of the shoulder region
 - Arthropathy NOS, of the shoulder region
 - Carpal instability, V.I.S.I (Volar intercalated segment instability)
 - Arthralgia of the shoulder
 - Adhesive capsulitis of the shoulder
 - Rotator cuff shoulder syndrome and allied disorders
 - Full thickness rotator cuff tear
 - Periarthritis of shoulder
 - Impingement syndrome of shoulder
 - Shoulder tendonitis
 - Rotator cuff complete rupture
 - Repetitive strain injury
 - Birth dislocation of the shoulder
 - Dislocation or subluxation of shoulder
 - Closed traumatic dislocation of shoulder
 - Fracture-dislocation or subluxation shoulder
 - Sprain of shoulder and upper arm
 - Rotator cuff sprain
 - Other shoulder sprain
 - Complete tear, shoulder joint
 - Injury of tendon of the rotator cuff of shoulder
 - Traumatic amputation at shoulder joint
 - Injury of nerves at shoulder and upper arm level
 - Other shoulder injuries.