



Tēnā koe

On 21 July 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *How many people has MSD referred to job vacancies in the hospitality sector over the past year?*
- *How many of those people referred to hospitality vacancies were hired?*

The Ministry have categories 'hospitality sector' as Accommodation and Food Services. Generally, each job vacancy will have more than one client referred to the one position, which allows the employer to fill the vacancy with the most suitable referral.

In table one we have the number of referrals to job vacancies for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021, by the end of each quarter for the last year. In table two we have the number of placements to job vacancies for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021.

**Table one: The number of referrals made to Accommodation and Food Services during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021.**

<b>Quarter End</b>	<b>Number of Referrals</b>
September 2020	1,953
December 2020	2,448
March 2021	2,007
June 2021	2,133
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,538</b>

Of those 8,538 referrals to the vacancies in the hospitality sector, there were 2,346 placements for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021, by quarters end. Refer to table two.

**Table two: The number of placements for working aged main benefit clients to Accommodation and Food Services during the period 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021.**

<b>Quarter End</b>	<b>Number of Placements</b>
September 2020	366
December 2020	666
March 2021	606
June 2021	711
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,346</b>

- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- 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. 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 total number of referrals to job vacancies in the hospitality sector over the past year, and from those referrals how many were hired, 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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