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On 3 February 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- The manual/full list of which overseas pensions are subject to the deductions policy. I want to know which are the pensions that are currently being deducted from NZ Super.
- How much is being deducted each year.

Qualifications for various overseas pensions and benefits, and their deductibility from New Zealand benefits and pensions, are subject to sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018 (formerly section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964).

Sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018 provides that where a person receives an Overseas Pension (OSP) that is administered by or on behalf of the government of the overseas country paying the pension, that person's New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) will be reduced by the amount of the OSP, as calculated in accordance with regulations.

The policy intent of sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018 is to ensure that those entitled to NZS or other Main Benefits are treated equitably and get the same level of government retirement support, whether solely through NZS, or through a combination of OSP and NZS, or solely through the OSP. Were it not for Sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018, those who have lived, and worked in overseas countries may be entitled to a greater overall level of government retirement support than those who had solely resided, and worked in New Zealand.

For more information about the Government's deduction policy, please see the following link: <u>www.workandincome.govt.nz/pensions/travelling-or-moving/moving-to-nz/overseas-pensions-deduction-examples.html</u>.

In regard to the first part of your request, please find **Table One** within **Appendix One** attached, which shows the working list of overseas pensions which are subject to direct deductions under sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018, broken down by country. Please note that this list is a working list, and it is being continuously collated and updated as countries and pensions are queried. If a client has not queried a pension regarding a specific country, it will not be on the list. You have been provided with the most recent version of this list.

In regard to your second point, please find **Table Two** within the attached Excel spreadsheet, which shows the number of OSP deductions and amounts deducted from NZS clients, as at the end of December 2016 to 2020, broken down by country and year.

You may notice that China and South Africa are shown in **Table Two**, although they do not have overseas pensions which are subject to direct deductions, as shown in **Table One**. Please note that **Table Two** reflects point-in-time data of projected deductions over a year, rather than deductions that have actually been made. Therefore there are instances where an OSP has been added incorrectly and subsequently corrected, however these corrections are not reflected in the data shown. These instances are reviewed and corrected as the Ministry becomes aware of them, and arrears paid to the client as appropriate.

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 and attachments 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 <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz</u>.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding overseas pensions and direct deductions, 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.

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Appendix One:

Table One: Overseas pensions which are subject to direct deductions under the Social Security Act 2018.

Country	Deductible Pension/Pensions
Albania	Old Age Pension
Argentina	Old Age Pension
Armenia	Oid Age Pension
Australia	Australia Age Pension (AAP)
	 Bereavement payment
	(Centrelink)
	Carer Payment (DSP)
	Carer Supplement (deduction can
	be applied from 01/07/2016)
	Clean Energy Supplement (DVA)
	 Disability Support Pension (DSP)
	Defence Force Income Support
	Allowance (DFISA)
	 Energy Supplement (Centrelink)
	 Newstart Allowance
	 Pension Supplement (DVA)
	Rent Assistance (Centrelink /
	DVA)
	Special Benefit
	 Veterans' Pension (Service)
	Pension)
	Wife Pension (Centrelink)
Austria	Age Pension
	Christmas Bonus
	Corridor Pension
	 Early Retirement Pension – long
	term Insurance pension
	 Early Retirement Pension – long
	term pension with hard work
	Heavy labor pension
	Widows / Widowers Pension
	Unemployment Benefit
	administered by Austrian Public
	Employment Services (AMS)
Azerbaijan	Old Age Labour Pension
Bahamas	Retirement Benefit (Social
	Insurance administered by NIB)
Bahrain	Early Age Pension
	Old Age Pension

Barbados	Early Old Age Pension
	Old Age Pension (Contributory)
Belgium	Early Pension
	Holiday Allowance
	Old Age Pension
	Retirement Pension (NISSE)
Belize	Old Age Pension (Social
	Insurance)
Bermuda	Old Age Gratuity
	Old Age Pension
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Early Old Age Pension
	Old Age Pension
Botswana	Old Age Pension
Brazil	Old Age Pension
	Regime Proprio de Previdencia
	Social (RPPS)
	Special Retirement Pension
	(Aposentadonia Especial)
Bulgaria	Old Age Pension (before 2000)
5	Partial Old Age Pension (before
	2000)
	Pension for Insured Work
	Experience and Age
Canada	Alberta Seniors Benefit (ASB)
canada	Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
	 Disability Benefit (CPP)
	Guaranteed Retirement Incomer
	Supplement (GIS)
	Old Age Security Pension (OAS)
	Survivors Pension (CPP)
	Post Retirement Benefit (PRB) –
	only if the contributions were
	made prior to 65 years of age
	Quebec Pension Plan (QPP)
Chile	Old Age Basic Solidarity Pension
	(Pension Basica Solidaria der
	Vejez – PBSV)
	Old-Age Solidarity Pension
	Payment (Aporte Previsional
	Solidario de Vejez - APSV) - but
	only for people covered prior to
	31 December 1982
	Pay-As-You-Go Pension
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Old Age Pension

Colombia	AGE pension (Proteccion
	Obligatory Fund)
Cook Islands	Child Benefit
	Destitute and Infirm Benefit MIA)
	 National Superannuation Fund
	Pension (CINSF)
	Old Age Benefit (MIA)
	Old Age Payment (MIA)
Croatia	Early Old Age Pension
	(Prijevermena Starosna Mirovina)
	Old Age Pension (Starosnu
	Mirovinu
	 Old Age Pension – Long Term
	Insured
Curacao	Old Age Pension AOV (Algemene
	Ouderdomsverzekering)
Cyprus	Old Age Pension (Social Insurance
	Fund)
	Early Pension
	Disability pension (Social
	Insurance Fund)
	Survivor pension (Social
	Insurance Fund)
	Orphan's pension (Social
	Insurance Fund)
Czech Republic	Old Age Pension
Denmark	Old Age Pension (Folkepension)
	 Disability pension/Anticipatory
	pension (Fortidspension)
	Labour Market Supplementary
	Pension (ATP Livslang Pension)
	Special pension saving scheme
	(Saerlig Pensionsopsparing – SP)
Dominican Republic	Old Age Pension
Ecuador	Old Age Pension
Egypt	Old Age Pension
Egypt	Early Pension
El Salvador	Longevity Pension
	Old Age Pension
Estonia	
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	Old Age Pension
Fiji	FNPF Life Pension
	FNPF Term Annuity

	FNPF Lump Sum
	 FNPF pension (pre 1 March 2012)
	Poverty Benefit Scheme
Finland	National Pensions administered by
	Kela. Includes Old-Age, Old-Age
	for long-term unemployed, Early
	Old-Age and Disability
	 National Pensions administered by
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	for long-term unemployed, Early
	Old-Age and Disability
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	for long-term unemployed, Early
	Old-Age and Disability
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	for long-term unemployed, Early
	Old-Age and Disability
	Earnings-related pension Old-Age
	Pension (Employment pension
	based on social security
	legislation) administered by
	Ilmarinen Mutual Pension
	Insurance Company
	Earnings-related pension Old-Age
	Pension (Employment pension
	based on social security
	legislation) administered by
	Alandia Pensions
	Earnings-related pension Old-Age
	Pension (Employment pension
	based on social security
	legislation) administered by
	Varma Mutual Pension Insurance
	Company
	Earnings-related pension Old-Age
	Pension (Employment pension
	based on social security
	legislation) administered by
	Veritas Pension Insurance
	Company Ltd
	Earnings related pension
	administered by KEVA

France	 AGIRC Retirement Pension ARRCO Retirement Pension Caisse des Français de I'Etranger (CFE) Old age insurance Humanis Agirc-Arrco Retirement Pension IRCANTEC - Retraite Pension (Retirement Pension) Invalidity Pension (CPAM) L'Assurance Retraite Midi – Pyrénées (Tier one) National Old Age Pension (CNAV) PRO BTP – Retraite Pension (Retirement Pension) RSI Régime Social des Indépendants (Retirement Pension) Service des Pensions (Civil Service Pension) Une Pension de Vieillesse (paid by MSA)
Georgia	Old Age Pension
Germany	 Old Age Pension Vorgezogene Altersrente (Early Old-Age Pension) administered by the Versorgungswerk der Landesärztekammer Hessen (Hesse Medical Association) ÄrzteVersorgung Westfalen-Lippe Medical Fund Pension Altersrente Deutsche Rentensversicherung Bund Deutsche Rentensversicherung Knappschaft-Bahn-See Deutsche Rentensversicherung Altersrenten/Regelatersrente (old age pension/retirement pension) Deutsche Rentenversicherung Renten wegen verminderter Erwerbsfähigkeit (Reduced Earning Capacity/Disability Pension) Deutsche Rentenversicherung Witwenrente/Witwerrente (Widows/Widowers pension)

	66 onwards)
Ireland	State Pension (Contributory) (Age
Iran	Old Age Pension
Indonesia	Old Age Pension
Iceland	Old Age Pension
Hungary	Old Age Pension (Social Insurance Fund)
Hong Kong	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme
	Scheme – NIS) • Old Age Pension (Social Insurance Scheme – NIS)
Guyana	Old Age Grant (Social Insurance Scheme NIS)
	Bereavement Payment
	 Widowed Parent's Allowance
	Bereavement Allowance
	Invalidity Benefit
Guernsey	Old Age Pension
	survivors pension)
	 Συνταξεων επιζώντων (Greek
	disability pension)
	 Σύνταξη Αναπηρίας (Greek
	Retirement Pension)
Greece	 Σύνταξη Γήρατος (Greek Old Age /
Ghana	Old Age Pension
	pension (widows/ widowers
	Kulturorchester Witwen/Witwer pension (Widows/Widowers
	Versorgungsanstalt der deutschen Kulturorchostor Witwor/Witwor
	Bühnen
	Versorgungsanstalt der deutschen
	Nordrhein-Westfalen
	der Architektenkammer
	(Widows benefit)Versorgungswerk
	See-Berufsgenossenschaft)
	 Seekasse (was administered by
	Medical Profession pensions
	Nordrheinische Ärzteversorgung
	Supplement)
	Parental Leave Personal Earnings
	Mütterrente ('Mothers Pension'
	(Full/Half Orphans pension)
	Vollwaisenrente/Halbwaisenrente

Isle of Man	 Widow's/Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory) Invalidity Pension Guardian's Payment (Contributory) (formerly Orphan's Contributory Allowance) Christmas Bonus Over 80's Bonus Living Alone Increase Bereavement Support Payment
	State Pension (new)State Pension (basic)
Israel	Old Age Pension administered by the National Institute of Israel
Italy	 Early Retirement/Anticipatory Pension (Pensione anticipata) Invalidity / Disability Pension (L'invalidità civile e minorazione) Old Age Pension (Pensione di vecchiaia) (includes Old-Age, Old- Age for long-term unemployed, Early Old-Age and Disability) Pension Bonus Payment (Tredicesima) Survivors' Pension (Pensione ai superstiti indiretta)
Jamaica	Old Age Pension
Japan	 Old Age Basic Pension Old-age Employees' Pension Old Age Pension (Administered by the National Public Servants Mutual Aid Association "MAA") Superannuation Pension (Administered by the Pension Fund Association of Japan) Survivors Basic Pension Survivors Employees' Pension Widows Pension
Jersey	 Basic State Pension (Old Age Pension) Death Grant Incapacity Pension Long Term Incapacity Allowance Short Term Incapacity Allowance

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	 Survivor's Pension
Jordan	Disability Pension
	 Old-Age Pension (Social Security
	Corporation)
	Survivor Pension
Kazakhstan	Old Age Pension
Kenya	 Old Age Pension paid to and by
	NSSF
Kiribati	Retirement Benefit
Korea, South	Disability Pension
	Old Age Pension
	Survivor's Pension
Kosovo	Basic Pension
Laos	Old Age Pension
Latvia	Old Age Pension
Lebanon	Old Age Pension
Liberia	Retirement Grant
	Retirement Pension
Lithuania	Old Age Pension
	Survivor's Pension
Macao or Macau	Old Age Pension
Macedonia	Old age pension
	Disability Pension
	Survivor Pension
Madagascar	Old Age Insurance
Malaysia	Employees Provident Fund
	Scheme
Malta	Age Pension (Non-contributory
	Old Age Pension)
	 Invalidity Pension
	Retirement Pension
	 Six monthly bonus (supplement to
	Age Pension)
	 Weekly cost of living bonus
	(supplement to Age Pension)
	Weekly special bonus (supplement
	to Age Pension)
	Widow's Pension
Marshall Islands	Retirement Benefit
	Retirement Benefit payment for
	partner (residing in Marshall
	Islands)
Mauritius	Retirement Pension

Old Age Pension
 Old Age Insurance Pension (DB
and NDC)
Old Age Pension
Invalids Pension (CNSS)
Old Age Pension (CNSS)
 Survivor's Pension (CNSS)
Old Age Pension
Old Age Pension
AOW (Old Age Pension)
AOW Toeslag (Old Age Pension
underage spouse supplementary)
Anw (Survivor Benefit)
• Ziekte (Ziektewert) (Zw)
(Sickness Pension)
KOB top-up
AOW top-up
de Wet Werk en Inkomen naar
Arbeidsvermogen (WIA)
(Disability/Invalidity Pension for
employees)
Death Grant (excluding voluntary
contributions)
WAO-uitkering (pre January 2006
Disability/Invalidity Pension)
AGIRC-ARRCO Supplementary
Pension
CAFAT Retirement Pension
Orphan's Pension
Survivor's Pension
Widowhood Allowance
Retirement Pension
Invalidity Pension
Survivor's Pension
Old Age Pension
Australia Age Pension (AAP)
 Bereavement payment
(Centrelink)
Carer Payment (DSP)
Carer Supplement (deduction can
be applied from $01/07/2016$)
 be applied from 01/07/2016) Disability Support Pension (DSP)
 be applied from 01/07/2016) Disability Support Pension (DSP) Newstart Grant (SMP cases)

	Wife Pension
Norway	 Norwegian Seaman's Pension (NPIS)Uførepensjon Grunnpensjon (Basic Disability Pension) SPK – Uførepensjon (Special Supplementary Disability Pension) Survivors Pension (Gjenlevende Pensjon Uførepensjon Tilleggspensjon (Supplementary Disability Pension)
Oman	 Early Old Age Pension (PASI) contributions made post July 1992 Old Age Pension (PASI) contributions made post July 1992
Pakistan	 Early Old Age Pension Invalidity Pension Old Age Pension Old Age Grant Survivors' Pension
Panama	Old Age Pension
Papa New Guinea	 Disability Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and PNG) Superannuation Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and PNG) Survivors Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and PNG)
Peru	 Disability Pension (SNP) Early Retirement Pension (SNP) Retirement Pension (SNP) Survivor's Pension (SNP)
Philippines	 Death Benefit Disability Benefit Government Service Insurance Philippines Retirement Benefit Survivors'/Widows' Pension paid by the Philippine National Police
Pitcairn Island	Old Age Pension
Poland	 Agricultural Pension (Krus) Agricultural Pension For Incapacity For Work (Krus) Bridge Pension (Emerytury) Pomostowe) (Zus) Disability Pension (Zus)

	 Old Age Pension (Emerytura) (Zus) Survivor's Pension (Krus) Survivor's Pension (Zus)
Portugal	 Civil Servants' Pension Fund (Caixa Geral de Aposentações) Old Age Pension (Social Insurance)
Romania	Old Age Pension
Russia	 Disability Insurance Federal Social Supplement Old Age Pension (RUB) Survivor Insurance Pension Supplement for Civil Aviation Crew Members
Samoa, American	 Disability Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and in American Samoa) Retirement Pension Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and in American Samoa) Survivors Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and in American Samoa)
Samoa, Western	 Retirement Pension - Samoa Provident Fund (Residing in New Zealand and in Samoa) Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund Pension (Recent migrant to New Zealand and those residing in Samoa)
San Marino	Old Age Pension
Saudi Arabia	 Disability Pension Early Pension Old Age Pension Survivor Pension
Senegal	Old Age Pension
Serbia	Disability pensionOld age pensionSurvivor pension
Singapore	 CPF LIFE Retirement Account (Singapore CPF) monthly payment Retirement Account (Singapore CPF) lump sum Silver Support Scheme (CPF)

	 Ordinary Account (Singapore CPF)
Slovakia	 Slovak Social Insurance Old Age Pension
Spain	Contributory Retirement Pension
Sri Lanka	 Employees Provident Fund (EPF) pension Employees Provident Fund (EPF)
	 Old Age Pension (EPF)
St Vincent and the Grenadines	Age GrantOld Age Pension
Sudan	Old Age Pension
Sweden	 Barnspension (Child / Orphans Pension) Inkomstpension (Earnings-related old-age pension/Income and premium pension) Garantitilläggpension (Guaranteed Pension) Omställningspension (Adjustment
	 Pension) Sjukpension (Disability Pension) Tilläggspension (Additional pension) Änkepension (Widows' Pension)
Switzerland	 Eidgenoessische Alters (AHV/AVS) (Federal Old Age Pension) Invalidenversicherung (AI)/Die Invalidenrenten (Disability Insurance/Invalidity Pension) Standard (Dependent) Children's Benefit (DCB) Waisenrente (AHV/AHS) (Orphan's Pension) Witwenrente/Witwerrente (AHV/AVS) (Hinterlassenrenten) (Widows/Widower's Pension)
Syria	Old Age Pension
Taiwan	 Civil Service Retirement Pension Employment Insurance Scheme payments (see notes for list of the five benefits covered) Labor Insurance Disability Pension Labor Insurance Old Age Pension

	 Labor Insurance Survivors Annuity National Disability Pension National Old Age Pension National Survivors Pension Payment Old Age Annuity (CSTIA post 1996) Taiwanese Military Pension Labour Insurance Old Age Pension Scheme (Post 2005 pension system reforms)
Tanzania	Old Age pension
Thailand	Elderly Living Allowance (non- contributory)Old Age Pension
Trinidad and Tobago	 Retirement Pension Retirement Grant
Tunisia	Old Age Pension
Turkey	Invalidity PensionOld Age PensionSurvivors' Pension
Tuvalu	 Retirement Benefit (Residing in New Zealand and in Tuvalu) Retirement Pension (residing in New Zealand and in Tuvalu)
Ukraine	Old Age Pension
United Kingdom	 State pension (new) State pension (basic) State Pension (Basic) increase due to Home Responsibility Protection Bereavement Allowance (including Widow's Benefit) Bereavement Payment (pre 6 April 2017) Bereavement Support Payment (post 6 April 2017) Dependent's Increase Financial Assistance Scheme (Pension Protection Fund) Widowed Parent's Allowance (formerly Widowed Mother's Allowance) Graduated Retirement Benefit 1961 to 1975 SERPS 1978 to 2002

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	Additional State Pension S2P from 2002 to 2016
United States of America	 Child Benefit Disability Pension Retirement Benefit Railroad Retirement Benefit (U.S. Railroad Retirement Board) Spousal entitlement to Retirement Benefit Survivors Benefit (Widows/Widowers) Death Benefit
Uruguay	Old Age Pension
Vanuatu	Retirement Benefit
Venezuela	Old Age Pension
Vietnam	Old Age Pension
Yemen	Old Age Security (GASSP)Old Age (GCSS)
Zambia	Retirement Pension
Zimbabwe	Retirement Benefit Retirement Grant

Note:

• Please note that some of the countries listed above have pensions which are not directly deductible under sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018.