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On 22 April 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I request all reports, briefings, and other documents relating to any proposed or actuated reforms to the Medical Appeals Board, since Jan 2016.*
- *I request the number of upheld and declined appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board, broken down by benefit type, since Jan 2016.*

The Medical Appeals Board (MAB) is an independent body established to ensure that correct decisions are made based on medical grounds or on grounds relating to a person's work capacity. The MAB reviews all information available to them about a client's medical condition and/or disability and their capacity to work when a client seeks a right of appeal on medical grounds under section 411 of the Social Security Act 2018.

The MAB must decide whether the appellant meets the medical criteria or work capacity criteria for the relevant benefit and considers whether the right decision was made to decline or cancel a benefit or apply work obligations.

It is not the role of the MAB to diagnose, treat or manage a client's health condition and/or disability. Rather, it is an independent body established to ensure that correct and fair decisions are made in line with legislation.

A full list of the decisions that people can appeal to the MAB is available on the Work and Income website at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/reviews-and-appeals/which-decisions-can-be-appealed-to-a-medical-appeal.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/reviews-and-appeals/which-decisions-can-be-appealed-to-a-medical-appeal.html).

In regard to the first aspect of your request, there have been no proposed or actuated reforms to the MAB process since 2016, however, the Ministry constantly monitors and looks to improve its policies and processes.

As such, this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) on the basis that the information you have requested does not exist.

In regard to the second aspect of your request, please find the following six tables enclosed as Appendix A showing a regional summary of appeals made to the MAB from financial year 2015/16 to 2019/21, and for the incomplete financial year of 2020/21, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome:

- **Table One:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2015/16, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome
- **Table Two:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2016/17, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome
- **Table Three:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2017/18, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome
- **Table Four:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2018/19, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome
- **Table Five:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2019/20 broken down by benefit type, status and outcome
- **Table Six:** Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2020/21 broken down by benefit type, status and outcome (incomplete year)

Please note, the Ministry has provided a regional breakdown of the appeals as that is how the information is centrally recorded. Table six only includes information from 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, as the financial year for 2020/21 is incomplete.

Furthermore, site decision, seen in the first two columns of the tables, refers to an internal review process before the appeal is progressed to the MAB in which the site who made the initial decision have the opportunity to rereview their decision. Should they uphold the initial decision, the appeal is progressed to the MAB.

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 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 to your request for information regarding the Medical Appeals Board, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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Bridget Saunders  
**Manager, Issues Resolution  
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## Appendix A

**Table One: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2015/16, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome**

			Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision			
Received			Withdrawn	Overtuned	In progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part. Upheld	Overtuned	Closed
Auckland	Child Disability Allowance	7	1	0	2	4	3	0	1	5
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	27	4	1	13	9	6	0	3	14
	Other	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	4	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	3
	Supported Living Payment	26	7	4	9	6	4	0	2	17
Auckland Total		67	13	5	25	24	16	0	8	42
Bay of Plenty	Child Disability Allowance	12	2	6	0	4	3	0	1	12
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	11	2	0	2	7	4	0	3	9
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	7	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	5
BayofPlenty Total		30	4	8	4	14	10	0	4	26
Canterbury	Child Disability Allowance	13	2	5	0	6	4	0	2	13
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	6	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	4
	Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	8	0	4	3	1	0	0	1	5
Canterbury Total		30	3	14	6	7	4	0	3	24
Central	Child Disability Allowance	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	5
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	9	3	4	0	2	1	0	1	9
	Other	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Supported Living Payment	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Central Total		23	8	12	0	3	1	0	2	23
East Coast	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
EastCoast Total		5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	2
Nelson	Child Disability Allowance	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	35	6	10	10	9	4	3	2	25
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	3
	Supported Living Payment	14	2	4	2	6	3	1	2	12
Nelson Total		59	11	18	14	16	7	4	5	45
Northland	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
	Other	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northland Total		5	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	3
Southern	Child Disability Allowance	9	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	8
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	7	0	1	2	4	2	0	2	5
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	7	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	3
Southern Total		23	4	4	7	8	5	0	3	16
Taranaki	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	4
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Taranaki Total		7	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	6
Waikato	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Invalids Benefit	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Jobseeker Support	6	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	5	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	4
Waikato Total		13	3	1	3	6	4	0	2	10
Wellington	Child Disability Allowance	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	17	5	11	0	1	1	0	0	17
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	7	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	4
Wellington Total		27	8	14	3	2	2	0	0	24
Grand Total		289	56	82	68	83	52	4	27	221



**Table Two: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2016/17, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome**

			Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision			
Received			Withdrawn	Overtured	In progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part. Upheld	Overtured	Closed
Auckland	Child Disability Allowance	7	1	1	2	3	2	0	1	5
	Invalids Benefit	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Jobseeker Support	19	3	0	5	11	6	0	5	14
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3
	Supported Living Payment	12	4	0	3	5	4	0	1	9
Auckland Total		43	10	1	11	21	14	0	7	32
Bay of Plenty	Child Disability Allowance	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	10	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	4
	Other	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	5
	Supported Living Payment	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
BayofPlenty Total		24	7	6	9	2	1	0	1	15
Canterbury	Child Disability Allowance	12	2	4	2	4	3	0	1	10
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	21	1	10	2	8	3	0	5	19
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Canterbury Total		39	4	17	6	12	6	0	6	33
Central	Child Disability Allowance	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	8	0	5	0	3	2	0	1	8
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Central Total		16	5	8	0	3	2	0	1	16
East Coast	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EastCoast Total		3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Nelson	Child Disability Allowance	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	17	7	6	3	1	0	0	1	14
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	8	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	7
Nelson Total		29	12	11	4	2	0	1	1	25
Northland	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	6	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	6
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Northland Total		10	4	1	0	5	4	0	1	10
Southern	Child Disability Allowance	6	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	5
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	7	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	6
Southern Total		15	1	9	2	3	2	0	1	13
Taranaki	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taranaki Total		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Waikato	Child Disability Allowance	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	6	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	5
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waikato Total		11	5	1	2	3	2	0	1	9
Wellington	Child Disability Allowance	8	1	2	0	5	4	0	1	8
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	17	2	6	6	3	3	0	0	11
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
	Supported Living Payment	9	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	6
Wellington Total		38	7	12	9	10	8	0	2	29
Grand Total		229	57	67	44	61	39	1	21	185



**Table Three: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2017/18, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome**

		Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision			
		Received	Withdrawn	Overtured	In progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part Upheld	Closed
Auckland	Child Disability Allowance	7	0	0	5	2	2	0	2
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	26	3	1	6	16	12	0	20
	Other	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
	Sole Parent Support	6	1	0	2	3	3	0	4
	Supported Living Payment	8	2	0	4	2	1	0	4
Auckland Total		54	10	1	17	26	20	0	37
Bay of Plenty	Child Disability Allowance	5	0	3	0	2	2	0	5
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	11	2	1	2	6	4	0	9
	Other	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	4	1	0	0	3	2	0	4
	Supported Living Payment	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	3
Bay of Plenty Total		25	4	4	2	15	10	0	23
Canterbury	Child Disability Allowance	12	2	4	3	3	3	0	9
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	17	1	7	5	4	2	0	12
	Other	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
	Supported Living Payment	4	0	0	1	3	3	0	3
Canterbury Total		37	4	13	9	11	8	0	28
Central	Child Disability Allowance	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Central Total		9	4	4	1	0	0	0	8
East Coast	Child Disability Allowance	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	6	1	1	3	1	1	0	3
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Coast Total		9	1	3	4	1	1	0	5
Nelson	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	14	5	6	3	0	0	0	11
	Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	10	0	6	2	2	1	0	8
Nelson Total		26	5	14	5	2	1	0	21
Northland	Child Disability Allowance	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	2
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	6	1	2	2	1	1	0	4
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northland Total		11	2	2	5	2	1	0	6
Southern	Child Disability Allowance	13	4	2	5	2	1	0	8
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	10	1	4	1	4	2	0	9
Southern Total		26	7	7	6	6	3	0	20
Taranaki	Child Disability Allowance	10	5	3	0	2	0	0	10
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	5	1	2	0	2	1	0	5
Taranaki Total		19	6	7	2	4	1	0	17
Waikato	Child Disability Allowance	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	4	0	0	1	3	2	0	3
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	4	0	0	1	3	2	0	3
Waikato Total		11	2	1	2	6	4	0	9
Wellington	Child Disability Allowance	12	0	3	6	3	2	0	6
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jobseeker Support	18	2	10	2	4	1	0	16
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	17	0	6	4	7	6	0	13
Wellington Total		48	2	19	12	15	10	0	36
Grand Total		275	47	75	65	88	59	0	210



**Table Four: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2018/19, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome**

			Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision				
			Received	Withdrawn	Overturned	In progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part. Upheld	Overturned	Closed
Auckland	Child Disability Allowance	15	3	0	2	10	7	0	3	13	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	32	10	0	5	17	16	0	1	27	
	Other	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	
	Supported Living Payment	10	4	0	3	3	2	0	1	7	
Auckland Total		63	20	0	10	33	27	0	6	53	
Bay of Plenty	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	9	2	0	6	1	1	0	0	3	
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BayofPlenty Total		19	3	2	13	1	1	0	0	6	
Canterbury	Child Disability Allowance	14	3	6	1	4	3	0	1	13	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	
Canterbury Total		19	4	7	2	6	4	0	2	17	
Central	Child Disability Allowance	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Central Total		6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	
East Coast	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
EastCoast Total		2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Nelson	Child Disability Allowance	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
	Supported Living Payment	8	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	
Nelson Total		17	5	9	2	1	1	0	0	15	
Northland	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Northland Total		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Southern	Child Disability Allowance	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	5	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	
Southern Total		14	2	9	1	2	2	0	0	13	
Taranaki	Child Disability Allowance	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	4	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	
	Other	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Supported Living Payment	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Taranaki Total		14	2	11	0	1	1	0	0	14	
Waikato	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Supported Living Payment	3	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	
Waikato Total		4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3	
Wellington	Child Disability Allowance	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	
	Invalids Benefit	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
	Jobseeker Support	21	2	5	11	3	2	0	1	10	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Supported Living Payment	9	1	3	2	3	2	0	1	7	
Wellington Total		35	4	10	13	8	6	0	2	22	
Grand Total		194	46	51	43	54	44	0	10	151	



**Table Five: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2019/20 broken down by benefit type, status and outcome**

			Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision					
Received			Withdrawn	Overturned	In Progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part. Upheld	Overturned	Withdrawn	Closed	
Auckland	Child Disability Allowance	7	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	1	4	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	14	3	0	5	5	5	0	0	1	9	
	Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	16	1	1	8	4	3	0	1	2	8		
Auckland Total		39	4	2	17	12	11	0	1	4	22	
Bay of Plenty	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	9	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	3	9	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	7	0	1	3	3	1	0	2	0	4		
Bay of Plenty Total		20	1	4	5	7	2	0	5	3	15	
Canterbury	Child Disability Allowance	7	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	7	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	
Supported Living Payment	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Canterbury Total		17	2	6	7	2	1	0	1	0	10	
Central	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	6	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	2		
Central Total		9	0	0	5	2	1	0	1	2	4	
East Coast	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
East Coast Total		2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Nelson	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nelson Total		6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Northland	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Northland Total		4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Southern	Child Disability Allowance	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	5	0	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	4		
Southern Total		9	0	5	1	3	2	0	1	0	8	
Taranaki	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Taranaki Total		4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Waikato	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Waikato Total		4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Wellington	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	
	Invalids Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jobseeker Support	21	0	6	12	3	1	0	2	0	9	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sickness Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sole Parent Support	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Supported Living Payment	5	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	2		
Wellington Total		31	0	8	16	7	4	1	2	0	15	
Grand Total		145	12	30	60	33	21	1	11	10	85	



**Table Six: Regional summary of appeals made to the Medical Appeals Board for the financial year 2020/21, broken down by benefit type, status and outcome (incomplete year)**

		Site Decision				Appeal Board Decision					
	Received	Withdrawn	Overtured	In Progress	Total Heard	Upheld	Part. Upheld	Overtured	Withdrawn	Closed	
Auckland	Jobseeker Support	18	5	0	5	8	8	0	0	0	13
	Supported Living Payment	15	3	0	5	5	4	0	1	2	10
	Child Disability Allowance	9	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	0	4
	Sole Parent Support	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auckland Total		45	8	1	15	18	14	0	4	3	30
Bay of Plenty	Jobseeker Support	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Disability Allowance	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
	Sole Parent Support	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bay of Plenty Total		7	0	4	0	3	0	1	2	0	7
Canterbury	Jobseeker Support	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	Supported Living Payment	9	0	3	1	5	5	0	0	0	8
	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
	Sole Parent Support	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canterbury Total		17	0	7	1	9	5	0	4	0	16
Central	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Coast	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Coast Total		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nelson	Jobseeker Support	6	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
	Supported Living Payment	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Child Disability Allowance	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Total		12	0	8	3	1	0	0	1	0	9
Northland	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northland Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Child Disability Allowance	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Total		5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Taranaki	Jobseeker Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taranaki Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waikato	Jobseeker Support	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Supported Living Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Disability Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waikato Total		3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wellington	Jobseeker Support	13	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Supported Living Payment	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Child Disability Allowance	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Sole Parent Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Partner of Main Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wellington Total		22	1	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	12
Grand Total		112	10	35	33	31	19	1	11	3	79