



18 May 2022

Tēnā koe

On 8 May 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *How much Disability Allowance was paid each month to people with a job as their main income source for each month for the years 2015 through to the end of April 2022?*

Disability Allowance (DA) provides non-taxable assistance to people who have on-going, additional costs because of a disability. You can find more information regarding the DA at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/disability-allowance/introduction.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/disability-allowance/introduction.html).

Please find attached an Excel Spreadsheet which includes **Table One**, outlining the amount of DA paid to non-Beneficiaries for the period July 2014 to April 2022, broken down by month.

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'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 amount of DA paid each month to people with a job as their main income source, 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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