6 September 2022

Tēnā koe

On 2 August 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *In finding out how many people get a Supported Living Payment for chronic pain conditions and migraine.*
- *Similarly, for the Jobseeker - Health Condition or Disability. And with a breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity*

Your questions seek information about the Ministry's Jobseeker Support and Supported Living Payment. You may be aware that from 15 July 2013, New Zealand's welfare system changed to better help people prepare for employment. The focus is on what people can do to achieve a better future for themselves and their family. Three benefits replaced most of the previous benefit types, including the types you requested information for. These are as follows:

- **Jobseeker Support (JS) –** Replaced the Unemployment Benefit, Sickness Benefit, Domestic Purposes Benefit (Women Alone, Sole Parent if youngest child is aged 14 and over) and the Widow's Benefit (without children, or if youngest child is aged 14 and over). JS is available to people who can usually work full-time.

- **Jobseeker Support, Health Condition Disability (JS-HCD**) Includes people who can only work part-time or can't look for work at the moment, for example because they have a health condition, injury or disability. More information about JS can be found here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/jobseeker-support.html.

- **Supported Living Payment (SLP) –** Replaced the Invalid's Benefit and Domestic Purposes Benefit (Caring for Sick or Infirm). The SLP is available to people who are severely restricted or unable to work on a long-term basis because of a health condition or disability, and for

people who are caring for someone who needs significant care. When applying for SLP, a medical certificate from a health practitioner or suitable existing assessments, need to be provided. More information about SLP can be found here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/supported-living-payment.html.

Please find enclosed **Table One** which show working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD clients with the primary incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022, broken down by Age.

Table One: Working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD with incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022 by age group.

Age group	Benefit type		Total
	JS-HCD	**SLP-HCD**	
18-19	9	0	**6**
20-24	36	6	**42**
25-29	33	6	**39**
30-34	27	9	**30**
35-39	21	9	**30**
40-44	15	12	**24**
45-49	27	18	**48**
50-54	57	21	**78**
55-59	33	27	**57**
60-64	33	30	**66**
Total	**291**	**138**	**429**

Notes:
- The tables include working age only (18 to 64 years).
- Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury and Disability is JS-HCD.
- Supported Living Payment Health Condition, Injury and Disability is SLP-HCD.
- A client can receive JS-HCD or SLP-HCD for more than one incapacity reason.
- The search for Migraine as an incapacity included the following search criteria: Migraine, Common migraine, Migraine variants, Abdominal migraine, No history of migraine, Abdominal migraine symptom, FH; Migraine, H/O; migraine, H/O migraine with aura, Migraine prophylaxis, Migraine menstrual, Classical migraine, Basilar migraine, Ophthalmic migraine, Hemiplegic migraine, Ophthalmoplegic migraine and Complicated migraine.
- No results were found for 'No history of migraine'.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry 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.
- A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or three.
- 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.

Please find enclosed **Table Two** which shows working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD clients with the primary incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022, broken down by Gender.

Table Two: Working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD with incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022, by gender.

Gender	Benefit type		Total
	JS-HCD	**SLP-HCD**	
Female	192	87	**276**
Male	96	51	**147**
Gender Diverse	6	0	**3**
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- No results were found for 'No history of migraine'.
- From 2 December 2019, the Ministry has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female or Gender Diverse.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
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Please find enclosed **Table Three** which shows working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD clients with the primary incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022, broken down by Ethnicity.

Table Three: Working age JS-HCD and SLP-HCD with incapacity 'Migraine', as at the end of June 2022, by ethnic group.

Ethnic group	Benefit type		Total
	JS-HCD	SLP-HCD	
European	183	99	**282**
Māori	75	27	**102**
Pacific Peoples	12	6	**15**
Asian	24	9	**30**
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	12	0	**12**
Other	9	6	**15**
Not specified	9	3	**9**
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- No results were found for 'No history of migraine'.
- Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
- Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.
- Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total number of ethnic responses will be greater than the number of clients.
- MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.
- 'Not Specified' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
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Please note that from December 2021, the Ministry has changed its ethnicity reporting to an approach called 'total response'. This change reflects our clients more accurately, aligns our approach with Statistics New Zealand reporting and reflects best practice.

Ethnicity is about people's identity and sense of belonging, measuring cultural affiliation, rather than race, ancestry, nationality, or citizenship. Ethnicity is self-perceived, and people can identify with more than one ethnic group.

Previously, the Ministry reported ethnicity using an approach called 'prioritised ethnicity', meaning people were allocate a single ethnic group in an order of priority. The priority previously used by the Ministry was Māori, Pacific Peoples, Other and NZ European. For more information about 'total response' for ethnicity reporting, please see: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html.

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'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, 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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