



26 April 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2024, requesting information about the spend on Flexi-Wage and the total number of Flexi-Wage grants.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and within the timeframe of the 2023/24 financial year to date. Please find my decision set out below.

The total spend on Flexi-Wage employment assistance in the current financial year to 29 Feb 2024 is \$37,192,886.63, of which \$7,963,966.91 is the spend for Flexi-Wage Self-Employment.

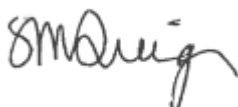
A total of 4,833 Flexi-Wage contracts have been granted so far in the current financial year from 1 July 2023 to 29 Feb 2024, of which 357 were for Flexi-Wage Self-Employment. These numbers are correct as at extract date 12 April 2024 but may change over time.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request for data on the amount and spend on the Flexi-Wage programme, 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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