



10 December 2024

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2024, requesting information about the national average of Kōrero Mahi seminar attendance.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Kōrero Mahi is a seminar-based intervention across multiple cohorts and seminars. You can read more about Kōrero Mahi on the Ministry's Work and Income website, here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/on-a-benefit/obligations/work-seminar.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/on-a-benefit/obligations/work-seminar.html).

Please see **Tables One and Two** in the attached **Appendix** for the national and average number of attendance per month and per Kōrero Mahi seminar type, and the total number of Kōrero Mahi seminars from 1 February 2024 to 31 October 2024.

You will note that the average number of attendees for Kōrero Mahi – Into work seminars is 1.5. This seminar type is likely to include more 1:1 meetings between clients and their Case Managers, due to the smaller cohort size. Smaller seminars may also happen because of the geographical location of the client or their circumstances. The Into work seminar is for clients with part-time work obligations who have started Jobseeker Support in the previous two weeks.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, 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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