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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2024, requesting information on the number of pensioners living overseas who receive New Zealand Superannuation (NZS).

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Please find the attached Appendix that answers your request, containing a table showing the number of current New Zealand Superannuation clients on Portability as at end of December 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023:

• **Table 1:** Number of current New Zealand Superannuation clients on Portability as at end of December 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 by agreement country, non-agreement country and country.

You will see the spreadsheet provided identifies clients living overseas who are receiving NZS by agreement country/non-agreement country. These are terms the Ministry uses to describe those clients living in countries where New Zealand has:

- social security agreements with certain countries
- the special portability arrangement to Pacific countries, and
- the general portability arrangement.

You can find more information about these agreements and arrangements on the Ministry's website at: www.workandincome.govt.nz/about-work-and-income/our-services/about-international-services.html.

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, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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