



11 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2024, requesting information on over 64 years olds receiving the Accommodation Supplement (AS).

You will recall that on 17 June 2024, we emailed you and advised that we had transferred item 6 of your request to the Treasury. This is because the information you sought for item 6 is not held by this Ministry and was believed to be held by the Treasury. The Treasury will respond to item 6 in due course.

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

Attached please find an **Appendix** with a spreadsheet consisting of four tables that answers each part of your request as follows:

- **Item 1:** *Provide the number of people 65 years and over receiving Accommodation Supplement, by quarter as at quarter end June 2015 to March 2024 by type of accommodation.*
 - Please refer to **Table One**
- **Item 2:** *Provide the average weekly AS payment for People 65 years and over receiving Accommodation Supplement, by quarter as at Quarter End June 2015 to March 2024 by type of accommodation.*
 - Please refer to **Table Two**
- **Item 3:** *Provide the number of main benefit beneficiaries, non beneficiaries, non-main benefit beneficiaries, 64 years and less who are receiving Accommodation Supplement, by quarter as at Quarter End June 2015 to March 2024.*
 - Please refer to **Table Three**
- **Item 4:** *Provide the number of main benefit beneficiaries 64 years and less, by quarter as at Quarter End June 2015 to Dec 2023.*

Provide the number of beneficiaries 64 years and less that are receiving a benefit that is not a main benefit, by quarter as at Quarter End June 2015 to Dec 2023.

- Please refer to **Table Four**

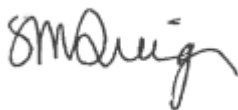
- **Item 5:** *Provide the average weekly AS payment for People 64 years and less receiving Accommodation Supplement, by quarter as at Quarter End June 2015 to Dec 2023 by benefit status.*
 - Please refer to **Table Two.**

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.

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