



15 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2024, requesting data from the "other" categorisation for Special Needs Grants for food.

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

For the sake of clarity, we are providing the full data set provided to you in your previous request to the Ministry, with the "other" category broken down into the respective service centres. The "other" category was comprised of the following:

- AK Childcare Processing Centre
- Avondale Fraud
- CS Hawkes Bay Unit
- CS Whanganui Unit
- Central Processing Unit
- Centralised Collection Unit
- Centralised Unit Housing
- Christchurch Contact Centre
- Christchurch Fraud
- Due Paid Assessment Team
- Dunedin Contact Centre
- Ellerslie Contact Centre
- Hamilton Contact Centre
- Hamilton Fraud
- Housing Processing Wellington
- Integrity Intervention Centre
- National Office
- Palmerston North Fraud
- Remote Client Unit
- Seniors Support Centre
- Specialised Processing Srv WLG
- Specialised Processing Srv WRE

- Staff Assistance Unit
- StudyLink Processing Centre
- TRITEC
- Veterans Pension Centre
- Waitakere Contact Centre
- Wellington Contact Centre
- Youth Service Support Unit

Please see the attached **Appendix** for the following information:

- **Table One:** Number of applications (grants and declines) for Special Needs Grants for food from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2024, by service centre.

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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