



13 June 2024

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2024, requesting statistics on the number and percentage of declines of Special Needs Grants for the period October 2022 to March 2024.

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

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](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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