



25 March 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 29 February 2024, requesting information on number of people in Tairāwhiti aged 18 years or older who have held a valid Community Services Card between 2013 and 2023.

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

- 1. the number of people in Tairāwhiti aged 18 years and over who have held or hold a valid community services card between 2013 and 2023. Could you please provide an ethnicity and age breakdown. Could you also please provide this information in an EXCEL spreadsheet.***

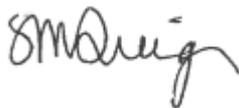
Please refer to **Tables 1** through to **11** in the attached **Appendix** for the data on Community Services Card holders in the Gisborne Territorial Local Authority broken down by year, age and ethnicity.

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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