



1 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2024, requesting information about sanctions applied in the West Coast region in the quarters ending June 2023 and June 2024.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see the table in the attached **Appendix**, showing the number of sanctions applied to working age main benefits in Greymouth and Westport region during the June 2023 and June 2024 quarters, broken down by Service Centre and sanction reason.

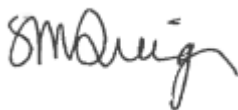
The data provided is for all sanction types applied in the requested period. If a sanction is not present in the data, then it was not applied during that timeframe.

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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