



11 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2024, requesting information about Ministry staff.

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

The number of directly employed staff currently working at the Ministry of Social Development.

As at 1 October 2024, there are 9,102 employees of the Ministry. This includes casual, fixed term and permanent staff. This also includes the staff of the Disability Support Services team who were newly transferred from Whaikaha.

The number of directly employed staff and their positions who earn less than \$27.80 per hour (excluding all allowances or overtime rates).

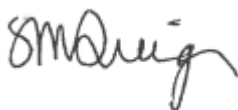
\$27.80 is the living wage rate, as of 1 September 2024. It is the Ministry's fair pay policy to pay the living wage rate and we annually adjust pay to ensure it is always at the 1 September value. As such, we have no employees who are paid less than \$27.80.

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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