



18 October 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2024 requesting information about Special Needs Grants for emergency dental treatment granted during 2023.

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

Please find attached **Appendix One** containing the following data tables:


- **Table 1:** Number of hardship grants and amounts approved for Emergency Dental Treatment nationally during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 by quarter and grant type.
- **Table 2:** Number of hardship grants and amounts approved for Emergency Dental Treatment in Canterbury Work and Income region during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 by quarter, service centre and grant type.
- **Table 3:** Number of hardship grant declines for Emergency Dental Treatment nationally during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 by quarter.
- **Table 4:** Number of declined hardship grant for Emergency Dental Treatment in Canterbury Work and Income Service Centres during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 by quarter and 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.

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