



9 April 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2025 requesting information about the number of children included in working age Main Benefits as at end of December 2019 and December 2024.

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

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

- **Table One:** Number of children included in current working age Main Benefits as at the end of December 2019, broken down by benefit group and age of child.
- **Table Two:** Number of adult clients with children receiving current working age Main Benefits as at the end of December 2019, broken down by ethnicity of adult caregiver.
- **Table Three:** Number of children included in current working age Main Benefits as at the end of December 2024, broken down by benefit group and age of child.
- **Table Four:** Number of adult clients with children receiving current working age Main Benefits as at the end of December 2024, broken down by ethnicity of adult caregiver.

Please note, for **Table Two** and **Table Four**, ethnicity is self-identified, and clients may identify with multiple ethnicities. Where a person identifies with more than one ethnicity, they will be counted in each applicable group.

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 regarding children included in working age Main Benefits, 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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