



10 April 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2025, in which you requested the following information:

Therefore, we request the Ministry of Social Development and Employment to supply us with data on Special Needs Grants for food, including details of the number of SNGs for food approved, the number of grants declined, declined percentage and total applications by month (along the top of the spreadsheet) and by main benefit Type (down the side of the spreadsheet) for the 30 month period Oct 2022 to March 2025.

Benefit types to include the following:

- *Jobseeker Support – work ready;*
- *Jobseeker Support – health condition and disability;*
- *Supported Living Payment;*
- *Sole Parent Support;*
- *NZ Superannuation;*
- *Veteran's Pension;*
- *Young Parent Payment;*
- *Youth Payment*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which contains the data you have requested.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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Anna Graham

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