



15 December 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2025, requesting updated information on the Driver Licence Support Initiative.

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

1. *how this money has been spent*
2. *how much of it has been spent*

The breakdown of the funding for the Driver Licence Support initiative (\$64 million in total) is listed below:

- Year one (FY22/23) - \$10 million for 10,000 people.
- Year two (FY23/24) - \$15 million for 15,000 people.
- Year three (FY24/25) - \$19 million for 19,000 people.
- Year four (FY25/26) - \$20 million for 20,000 people.

In Year one, funding was used to stabilise existing contracted provision while evolving the programme through consultation and engagement, procurement processes, reporting, and monitoring. Of the \$10 million allocated in Year one, \$9.7 million has been spent. This resulted in around 11,700 people receiving Driver Licence Support.

Procurement for Year two contracts was completed with 76 contracts established nationwide to deliver Driver Licence Support programmes. These are five-year contracts (three years with two years right of renewal). Currently there are 73 contracts in place. Of the \$15 million allocated in Year two, \$13.5 million has been spent, and of the \$19 million allocated in Year three, \$18.6 million has been spent.

I can confirm that from FY26/27 onwards, funding for this programme has been confirmed at \$20 million annually.

3. *how many people have received assistance as a result of this investment, and of those people,*
4. *how many received their drivers licence*

Between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2025, around 46,200 people have received support through the programme. Of these, around 34,200 people have gained a licence. Some people are still training or are waiting to take a test.

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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