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#### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2025, requesting information about the operational procedures for the Ministry of Social Development's (the Ministry's) Information Sharding Agreement with the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs).

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

You can find a copy of the signed Information Sharing Agreement between Customs and the Ministry on the Ministry's website, here:

<u>www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/aisa-msd-customs.pdf</u>

There is some further information on our website about information sharing between Customs and the Ministry that you may find helpful: <a href="https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2019/information-sharing-agreement-between-the-msd-and-the-nz-customs-service.html">www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2019/information-sharing-agreement-between-the-msd-and-the-nz-customs-service.html</a>

Please also see the following documents attached, which are the operational protocol and procedures documents you requested:

- New Zealand Customs Service/MSD Departures/Arrivals Match.
- Integrity Intervention Officer (IIO) Customs Match Child Disability
- Customs/MSD AISA operational protocol variation.

In the first document, you will note information about clients becoming a positive match. A 'positive match' occurs when an individual is identified, as appearing on both sets of data and the discrepancy, as per the purpose of the match, is present.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or 0800 802 602.

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# Appendix A

# Operational protocol to support the Arrivals/Departures Approved Information Sharing Agreement

Between

# Ministry of Social Development, Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora

and

# New Zealand Customs Service, Te Mana Arai o Aotearoa

To allow MSD to verify entitlements to benefits, to help to prevent MSD clients from incurring debt, and to recover debts owed

Updated June 2021

#### **SIGNATORIES**

Signed for and on behalf of Ministry of Social Development/Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora

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Date 0,6,21

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Date 22, 06, 21

#### 1 Parties

1.1 The Sovereign in right of New Zealand acting by and through the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Social Development ("MSD").

MSD is the Lead Agency.

#### AND

1.2 The Sovereign in right of New Zealand acting by and through the Comptroller of Customs ("Customs").

#### 2 Background

#### The "Arrivals/Departures" AISA

- 2.1 Since 1992, Customs and MSD have shared information about people who are leaving or arriving in New Zealand, so that MSD can identify which of those people are its clients and verify their entitlement to benefits. Until recently, this information sharing took the form of an authorised information match under part 10 of the Privacy Act (known as the "Arrivals/Departures match").
- 2.2 From 20 May 2019, by Order in Council, the information sharing now occurs under an Approved Information Sharing Agreement ("AISA") between the Parties. The Arrivals/Departures AISA supersedes previous information matching agreements.
- 2.3 The AISA requires the Parties to develop an Operational Protocol ("protocol") to set out the operational and technical details of the information sharing process. This document is the result.
- This protocol largely mirrors the earlier Information Matching Agreement (dated 15 July 1993 and varied on 6 December 2013). The only material change is that MSD no longer must notify the client and wait for their response before it suspends most payments ("notice of adverse action"). MSD is now permitted to suspend those payments as soon as eligibility expires, as long as it informs the client what it has done and corrects any error promptly. Immediate suspension prevents clients from incurring a debt that they must repay on their return to New Zealand.
- 2.5 Recipients of New Zealand Superannuation, Veterans Pension and Student Allowances must still receive a notice of adverse action before those core benefits are suspended. However, MSD may immediately suspend any supplementary payment that they receive (for example Winter Energy Payment) without prior notice.

# 3 Interpretation

3.1 In this document, unless the context otherwise requires:

"AIMOS" means the Automated Information Matching Operating System: a

case management tool that assists MSD to process and report on its

information matching programmes.

"AISA" means the Approved Information Sharing Agreement between

Customs and MSD, developed under part 9A of the Privacy Act and

brought in to force by Order in Council from 20 May 2019.

"Beneficiary" means a person who has been granted a benefit, including a

recipient of New Zealand Superannuation, Veterans Pension or

Student Allowance.

"Benefit" has the meaning given to that term in Schedule 2 of the Social

Security Act 2018, and includes -

(a) a lump sum payable under section 90 of that Act

(b) any special assistance payable under a programme approved

under section 101 of that Act

(c) a Student Allowance

"Client" means an applicant for or recipient of a benefit.

"CusMod" means the New Zealand Customs Service's core business IT system.

"CusMod information" means passenger records held on CusMod.

"Departure/arrival information" means personal information supplied by Customs to MSD as permitted by the AISA and set out in clause 2 of Schedule 1 of this protocol. Note that this definition differs from the definition of "arrival/departure information" in the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

"Expiry of eligibility" means expiry of eligibility because the client is not in New Zealand.

"IAP" means the Information Analysis Platform that holds replicas of the

data from core MSD application systems.

"IIC" means the MSD Integrity Intervention Centre.

"IIO" means Integrity Intervention Officer.

"Match" means an individual client's information held by MSD corresponding

with information supplied by Customs about potentially the same

person; and "Matches", "Matching" and "Matched" have

corresponding meanings.

"Lead agency" means the public sector agency that is designated in the AISA and

Order in Council as the lead agency. MSD is the lead agency for this

agreement.

"Normal Business Hours" means between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm any day of the week other than Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday generally observed in Wellington.

"Notice of Adverse Action" means a written notification to the client about action that MSD intends to take as a result of the match, which provides a period for response before the action occurs.

"NZSOS Programme" The COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support

Programme (NZSOS Programme) means the special assistance programme established on 20 April 2020 to allow continued financial support to MSD clients who are stranded overseas because of COVID-19. This programme has been extended and expires on 31

August 2021.

"Protocol" means this document, including its schedules.

"WASP" means the Warrant Absence Suspend Processing System: a case

management tool that assists MSD to process and report on its

information matching programmes.

# 4 Purpose of the protocol

- 4.1 The purpose of this protocol is to set out the operational and technical details of the information sharing process permitted under the AISA. In particular, it:
  - (a) revokes and replaces the Arrivals/Departures Information Matching Agreement between MSD and Customs of 15 July 2013, as amended on 6 December 2013;
  - (b) defines the terms and conditions under which the Parties exchange information in accordance with the AISA;
  - (c) records the legal basis for the information flow and the safeguards that will apply to protect the privacy and security of the information;
  - (d) details the process for reviewing, terminating or varying the protocol;
  - (e) details the reporting requirements that apply to the information sharing permitted under the AISA.
- 4.2 The protocol also sets out when and how MSD may directly access CusMod in accordance with the authority in section 314 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

#### 5 Structure of the protocol

- 5.1 The main body of this protocol sets out the general clauses that apply to the relationship between the Parties.
- 5.2 Schedule 1 sets out:
  - (a) the process for sharing the information on a daily basis
  - (b) the safeguards that apply to protect the privacy of the people concerned, and
  - (c) the reporting requirements.
- 5.3 Schedule 2 sets out the process for MSD to request and access further information from Customs if required (as authorised under section 314 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018).
- 5.4 Schedule 3 sets out the operating costs that apply to this information sharing arrangement.

#### 6 Effect and order of precedence

- 6.1 This protocol has been developed under clause 10 of the AISA. It governs how the information sharing that is permitted by the AISA will occur in practice. The Parties are required to comply with it.
- 6.2 If there is a discrepancy between what the AISA permits and the terms of this protocol (including its Schedules), it is the terms of the AISA that prevail.

#### 7 Term and termination

- 7.1 This protocol commences on the date it is signed by both Parties and continues in effect until it is suspended or terminated.
- 7.2 The information sharing described in the AISA and the protocol may be suspended or terminated at any time by either Party by giving 3 months written notice to the other Party.
- 7.3 The obligations in the protocol concerning security, use, retention and destruction of information will remain in force despite any suspension or termination.

#### 8 Review and variance

- 8.1 A Party may request a review of the protocol at any time.
- 8.2 However, the Parties agree to complete a review of the information sharing, including this protocol, prior to 20 May 2021.
- 8.3 Any Party may propose a variation to the protocol, by giving reasonable notice to the other Party and providing reasons for the variation.
- 8.4 The protocol may be varied in writing, and duly signed by the delegated representatives of Chief Executive of MSD and the Comptroller of Customs.
- 8.5 MSD will inform the Privacy Commissioner of any variation to the protocol and ensure that the Privacy Commissioner has an updated copy of it.

# 9 Legal Authority and Application of the Privacy Act 1993

- 9.1 The legal authority enabling the sharing of information described in the protocol is the Arrivals/Departures AISA, as brought into force by Order in Council on 20 May 2019.
- 9.2 The AISA provides a limited exemption from information privacy principles 2, 10 and 11. It allows Customs to disclose personal information, and allows MSD to collect and use that information in accordance with the AISA.
- 9.3 Except to the extent permitted by the AISA or by legislation, the Privacy Act applies as normal.
- 9.4 The AISA also does not alter any other rights or obligations that clients or the Parties may have under other legislation. For instance, nothing in this information sharing arrangement changes the requirements of the Social Security Act 2018 that determine a person's eligibility for a benefit.

#### 10 Management of the Relationship and Primary Contacts

- 10.1 Each Party will nominate a relationship manager to act as that Party's representative for managing the relationship between the Parties, and other high-level issues.
- 10.2 The relationship managers will be responsible for:
  - (a) establishing and maintaining communication and understanding between the two Parties; and
  - (b) providing assistance in resolving any disputes between the Parties.
- 10.3 In addition to nominating relationship managers, each Party will nominate a primary contact in each Schedule as signatory to that schedule. The primary contact will act as the first point of contact in all matters relating to the work covered by that Schedule.
- 10.4 Primary contacts will be responsible for:
  - (a) coordinating the supply and delivery of data (or direct access to data) and supporting material;
  - (b) notifying the other Party of policy and systems changes at an operational level that may affect the supply or use of, or access to, the data;
  - (c) discussing and resolving, in the first instance, any data quality issues;
  - (d) agreeing changes relating to the content and format of the data supplied and arrangements pertaining to supply, use and access;
  - (e) consulting with the Party's legal advisers or other relevant specialist advisers to ensure that any proposed changes are consistent with the legal authority under which this information sharing is conducted;
  - (f) taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the obligations recorded in this protocol are observed, and notifying the other Party if any problems become apparent;
  - (g) contacting the other Party and co-ordinating any response if a privacy breach occurs.
- 10.5 The Parties agree to advise each other in writing of any change of relationship managers or primary contacts.

#### 11 Costs

- 11.1 MSD will pay Customs the operating costs set out in Schedule 3 of the protocol.
- 11.2 If Customs wishes to change the operating costs, it will give MSD at least one month's written notice of what it proposes to charge and the reasons for the change.
- 11.3 Any change under clause 11.2 will not take effect until the Parties agree, but MSD will not unreasonably withhold its agreement.

#### 12 Dispute resolution

- 12.1 If any dispute or difference arises between the Parties about the interpretation, application or need for variation of this protocol, the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to resolving that dispute or difference as quickly as possible.
- 12.2 In the first instance, the relevant primary contacts will work together to identify the reasons for disagreement and what can be done to achieve agreement.

- 12.3 If agreement cannot be reached, the issue will be escalated within 28 days to the relationship managers, who will be asked to make judgements necessary to resolve the issue.
- 12.4 If resolution is still not possible, the matter will be referred to the Chief Executive of MSD and the Comptroller of Customs, or their delegated representatives, in order to resolve the dispute.

#### 13 Public comment

- 13.1 The Parties agree that they will each:
  - a) consult the other Party prior to making any public comment about the Arrivals/Departures information sharing arrangement, or prior to publicly disclosing any information about the arrangement; and
  - b) wherever it is practicable and legal to do so, obtain the agreement of the other Party to that comment or disclosure (including on the form and content of the comment or information to be disclosed).
- 13.2 However, clause 13.1 does not obstruct or limit any legal obligations to release information, including obligations arising under the Official Information Act 1982 or obligations to provide individuals with access to information about themselves under principle 6 of the Privacy Act 1993.

# 14 No assignment or subcontracting

- 14.1 Neither Party may assign, transfer, subcontract or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the processes described in this protocol without the prior written agreement of the other Party.
- 14.2 The Parties must ensure that any assignment or subcontracting of all or any part of the processes described in this protocol will continue to comply with all legal requirements, including the provisions of the AISA, and with the terms of this protocol.
- 14.3 It must be a condition of any agreement under clause 14.1 that the assignee or contractor must be obliged by a term in the relevant contract for services to apply no less a standard of care, conduct and confidentiality in relation to the information to which this agreement relates as any employee of the Party would be required to observe.

#### Schedule 1

# Process for daily information sharing, safeguards for privacy, and reporting

# 1 Permitted purposes of information sharing

- 1.1 The Parties agree that personal information will only be shared and used for the purposes permitted by the AISA. These purposes are:
  - (a) to verify the entitlement or eligibility of any client travelling overseas to receive a benefit:
  - (b) to verify the amount of any benefit that -
    - (i) a client travelling overseas is entitled or eligible to receive; or
    - (ii) a client who has travelled overseas was entitled or eligible to receive;
  - (c) to avoid the overpayment of benefits and debts to the Crown being incurred by clients travelling overseas; or
  - (d) enabling the recovery of any debt due to the Crown in respect of any benefit.

#### 2 What information can be shared?

- 2.1 The information ("Departures/Arrivals information") that can be shared between the Parties is set out below.
- 2.2 Included in the file to be transferred are 1 batch header, 1 batch footer and multiple movement records.

#### **Batch Header**

Fields	Expected Content Format	Details
Source	Char	NZCS
Destination	Char	MSD
Message Date	Date Time	
Message ID	Number	Identifier for the message
File ID	Char	Name of the file, start and end date and times of the week period that the file includes data for
Information Type	Char	PAX MOVEMENT
Security classification	Char	IN CONFIDENCE
Period Covered From	Date Time	Records equal to and later than this date/time are included
Period Covered To	Date Time	Records up to but not including this date/time are included
Expected Transactions Count	Number	Expected count of transactions in this file

# **Batch footer**

Fields	Expected Content Format	Details
Transaction count	Number	Number of transactions supplied in the file (Expected Transactions Count = Transaction Count + Error Count)
Error count	Number	Number of transactions not included in the file due to errors.

# **Movement records**

Header Fields	Expected Content Format	Details	
Pax Movement ID	Number	Unique identifier for the Pa	
Create Date Time	Date Time	Date time that the Pax Movement was created for	
Sent Date Time	Date Time	Date time this message is sent	
Record Type	Char	Type of Pax Movement by relating to when it has been processed. A, R and F are create, C is removed	
Travel Document Fields	Expected Content Format	Details	
Travel Document No	Char	Passport or identity card	
Citizenship (from travel document)	Char	Valid value from country code table	
Person Fields	<b>Expected Content Format</b>	Details	
DOB	Date	Date of birth of the passpor holder	
Gender	Char	U, -, X (all Unknown), M, F	
Holder Endorses Flag	Char	Holder indicator (H=holder, E Endorsee)	
Name Fields	<b>Expected Content Format</b>	Details	
Family	Char	Family name of the passpor holder	
Given Names	Char	All the given names of the passport holder	
Flight fields	<b>Expected Content Format</b>	Details	
Flight No.	Char	Number of the flight or name of ship	
Actual Date Time	Date Time	In local time	
NZ Port	Char	The port at which the persor left or entered NZ	
Direction	Char	Direction of travel (A = Arriva D = Departure)	

# 3 Frequency of supply of information

- 3.1 At 04.00am every day (from Monday to Sunday inclusive), Customs will collate a daily file relating to the period up to and including 03.25am and make that information available to MSD in accordance with this protocol. This file is to include all Departures/Arrivals information recorded since the previous daily file was sent to MSD.
- 3.2 Routine transfers under clause 3.1 will number no more than 366 in any twelve-month period.
- 3.3 In addition to the routine transfers under clause 3.1, MSD may also request information from Customs on an ad hoc basis.
- 3.4 When responding to ad hoc requests, Customs is to include all Departures/Arrivals information recorded over a period that is agreed by the Parties.
- 3.5 Ad hoc requests under clause 3.3 are not to exceed 6 in any 12-month period.
- 3.6 If information in either a routine or ad hoc file is corrupted or unusable, that file will not count towards the permitted numbers of requests.

#### 4 Transfer of information to MSD and file validation

- 4.1 Customs will transfer the daily file of Departures/Arrivals information to the Customs SFTP internet facing server using the SFTP protocol and in line with standards required by the current version of the New Zealand Information Security Manuel (NZSIM).
- 4.2 Use the SFTP protocol (over SSH v2) to ensure information is encrypted as it passes between the Customs and MSD networks.
- 4.3 MSD will use firewalls which limit network access to the SFTP servers to only authorised IT systems.
- 4.4 Customs will log into the MSD SFTP server via a SSH key.
- 4.5 MSD will ensure:
  - 4.5.1 user-level access control, meaning that users of the SFTP server should not be able to see data from other users
  - asymmetric encryption-at-rest though use of the "GPG" software (compatible with PGP)
  - 4.5.3 access control lists on internal MSD file-shares where information is made available to business users
  - 4.5.4 access controls on destination systems where the information is made available to the business or consumed by IT systems (such as the IAP Data Warehouse)
- 4.6 At its discretion, Customs will undertake a manual quality assurance process on the Departures/Arrivals information prior to it being made available to MSD.
- 4.7 MSD will run a scheduled job (IAP-CUSTOMS-TRANSFER) every morning that will authenticate with the Customs website and look for the file to be processed.
- 4.8 After downloading and decrypting the daily file from the MSD SFTP server, MSD will operate a checking process to ensure that the Departures/Arrivals information is valid and complete.
- 4.9 MSD will immediately inform Customs of any Departure/Arrival information that is found to be corrupted or otherwise unavailable or unusable, either at the time MSD receives it, or

- during later use as part of the matching process.
- 4.13 If Customs receives notice that information is corrupted or unusable, Customs will provide a substitute file with the requested information as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4.14 After validation MSD will transfer the daily file via FTP to the IAP data warehouse system, to conduct the match process set out below in clause 5, for the purposes permitted by the AISA. Encryption level will be in line with NZISM standards.

# 5 Matching process

#### Information used for the match

- On transfer of the Departures/Arrivals information to IAP, MSD will institute a match with MSD Active Client data.
- 5.2 Initial matching will be based on name and date of birth.
- 5.3 In some cases, unique identifiers may be used to verify travel movements. For example, if a client does not make contact after the initial letter is sent, IIC will use CusMod to confirm if the client has returned to NZ and from what date.

# 6 Identity confirmation process

- 6.1 MSD is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that clients are accurately identified before suspending payments.
- Positive matches range from exact singular matches (Level 1) to less accurate matches (down to Level 8).
- 6.3 All positive matches will be bulk loaded into IIC's two operational computer systems: AIMOS and WASP for verification and processing.
- All main beneficiaries Level 1 matches are processed through WASP and will trigger an automatic suspension of payments upon expiry of eligibility and subsequent notification of clients. All other clients' (i.e. NZS, VP, 'Non-beneficiaries' etc) cases are created in AIMOS. In certain cases Supplementary Assistance can continue for 28 days once main benefit is suspended.
- 6.5 All other matches (Levels 2-8) will be loaded to AIMOS and manually verified before payments are suspended upon expiry of eligibility or before a notice of adverse action is sent.
- 6.6 The process for verifying matches may include:
  - (a) checking against individual client files
  - (b) checking details in CusMod using the process set out in Schedule 2
  - (c) IIC may transfer individual positive Match data to other units in MSD for further verification and processing.

# 7 Notifying clients

# Notice of adverse action for certain payments

- 7.1 Upon expiry of eligibility for New Zealand Superannuation, Veterans Pension or Student Allowance, MSD will write to the client to notify them:
  - that their eligibility expired on a particular date (with reasons to show why they are ineligible);

- (b) that their payment will be suspended on a specified date unless the client demonstrates that the information is incorrect and that they are still eligible for the payment. They need to inform MSD when they return to New Zealand so that their payments can be reinstated.
- (c) that MSD may need to recover any payment made after eligibility expired;
- (d) that they are entitled to ask for this decision to be reviewed, and who to contact if they wish it to be reviewed.
- 7.2 The notice will include the information received from Customs that suggests the client's eligibility has expired (including the date they left New Zealand).
- 7.3 MSD will send the notice to the client's postal address. Clients can also choose to have their letters either sent to their postal address, online in MyMSD or both. If a client has opted to receive their mail online only, a notice will not be sent to their home address.
- 7.4 The specified date for the client to respond must be no later than 10 working days after receiving the notice.
- 7.5 If the client has not contacted MSD by the specified date, or if the client contacts MSD but MSD is satisfied that the client's eligibility has expired, MSD may immediately suspend the payment once the specified date has elapsed.

#### Notification process for clients receiving all other payments

- 7.6 Upon expiry of eligibility for all payments other than those specified in clause 5.9, MSD may immediately suspend those payments, unless the client has made prior arrangements with MSD for continuation of their payments while they are overseas.
- 7.7 On the day that the payment is suspended, MSD will notify the client in writing:
  - (a) that their eligibility expired on a particular date (with reasons to show why they are ineligible);
  - (b) that one or more named types of payment have been suspended;
  - (c) that MSD may need to recover any payment made after eligibility expired;
  - (d) that they are entitled to ask for this decision to be reviewed, and who to contact if they wish it to be reviewed.
- 7.8 The notice will include the information received from Customs that suggests the client's eligibility has expired (including the date they left New Zealand).
- 7.9 MSD will send the notice to the client's postal address. Clients can also choose to have their letters either sent to their postal address, online in MyMSD, or both. If a client has opted to receive their mail online only, a notice will not be sent to their home address.

### 8 Security of Information

- 8.1 The format, transfer, storage and processing of information under this protocol must conform to any currently applicable New Zealand government standards for information security.
- 8.2 If the specifications in this protocol (for instance relating to acceptable encryption levels) are updated in those government standards, the Parties agree to adjust the requirements that apply to this information sharing as soon as reasonably practicable, and to update the protocol accordingly.

#### Security during transfer of information

- 8.3 Unless otherwise stated in the standards referred to in clause 8.1, the file will be extracted from CusMod and made available to MSD in XML format, which conforms to the e-Gif XNAL standard and PGP encrypted. See clause 4 for other security controls.
- 8.4 If online transfer is not possible, the backup method of transfer will be a password-protected IronKey.

#### Security of information at rest

8.5 MSD will ensure that all Departure/Arrival information received from Customs and all match information (including backup copies) is stored and used in a way that does not expose it to unauthorised use or disclosure.

#### Security during or after a disaster

8.6 In the event of any disaster the Parties will co-operate and will take all reasonable steps to ensure the security and/or recovery of the information affected during the force majeure.

#### Role-based access and training

- 8.7 Customs will ensure that only a small number of authorised MSD users can access the Departure/Arrival files from the website within the Customs network.
- 8.8 MSD will ensure that only authorised users can access the Departures/Arrivals information within IAP, IIC or other relevant areas of its information systems. Those users must have a legitimate need to access the information for their roles, and for the purposes permitted under the AISA.
- 8.9 Each party will ensure that authorised staff are appropriately trained, and that they understand their obligations to maintain the confidentiality of the information and to use it only for purposes permitted under the AISA.

#### 9 Accuracy and completeness of information

- 9.1 Customs will check the Departures/Arrivals information to ensure that it is accurate, complete and up to date. This includes:
  - (a) checking information at the time it is entered into CusMod;
  - (b) checking entries where there are potential discrepancies;
  - (c) checking a random sample of entries in the daily file.
- 9.2 Customs will ensure that the file that it makes available to MSD contains only the personal information that it is legally permitted to share with MSD under the AISA.
- 9.3 Both Parties will undertake quality checks on information to be used for the purposes permitted by the AISA, which may include a manual check on a sample extract of Departures/Arrivals information.
- 9.4 If MSD suspends a benefit in error on the basis of information shared under the AISA, MSD will ensure that the error is corrected and any applicable repayment is made to the client as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### 10 Retention and destruction of information

#### Retention of information where a match is found

- 10.1 In the event of an identified match, MSD will destroy the information not later than 60 working days after it becomes aware of the match, unless, before that period expires, MSD has considered the information and made a decision to:
  - a) suspend one or more payments that the client receives when or if their eligibility expires; or
  - b) take another form of adverse action against the client.
- Any adverse action commenced by MSD in accordance with the AISA will be commenced no later than 12 months from the dates on which the information was received or derived by MSD.

#### Retention of information where there is no match found

10.3 If there is no positive match against Active Client file, MSD will securely destroy the information that it received from Customs asap.

#### No new databank

- 10.5 The Parties will not permit the information used in this programme to be linked or merged in such a way that it creates a new separate permanent register or databank of information about all or any of the individuals whose information has been subject to the programme.
- 10.6 However, for purposes of audit and verification, MSD may maintain a database of individuals who have been the subject of a match for up to 2.5 years after the date of the match, at which time their information will be purged. Any such information will only be available to MSD systems administration and IT staff.

#### 11 Incident notification

- 11.1 Each Party will notify the other immediately if it becomes aware of any circumstances, incidents or events that have or may have compromised the security of the information that it collects or shares in accordance with the Arrivals/Departures AISA or with this protocol, or the privacy of individuals to whom that information relates.
- 11.2 In the event of a security or privacy breach, MSD, as the Lead Agency under the AISA, is primarily responsible for complying with any legal obligations in relation to breach notification.
- 11.3 However, the Parties agree to co-operate with one another and to provide all reasonable support to ensure that the breach can be accurately and promptly investigated, mitigated, and notified, and to ensure that any subsequent changes of process or procedure for the information sharing are appropriately implemented.

#### 12 Access and correction requests

- 12.1 Each Party will be responsible for responding to requests to access or correct Departures/Arrivals information as appropriate in the circumstances, in accordance with information privacy principles 6 and 7.
- 12.2 The Parties will provide reasonable assistance to clients who wish to make an access or correction request, for example by transferring the request to the other Party if it is more appropriate that that Party responds to it, or by informing the other Party that the information has been corrected, or the client has provided a statement of correction.

# 13 Reporting

- 13.1 MSD is responsible for reporting on the operation of the information sharing permitted by the AISA:
  - at intervals required by the Privacy Commissioner under section 96U of the Privacy Act 1993
  - and about the matters required by the Privacy Commissioner under section 96T of the Privacy Act 1993 (selected from the list in clause 9 of the Privacy Regulations 1993).
- 13.2 MSD must establish and maintain a system that enables the required reporting to occur.
- 13.3 MSD must include any report in its Annual Report under the Public Finance Act 1989 and in accordance with sections 96S to 96U of the Privacy Act.

#### Schedule 2

#### Online enquiry access to CusMod

#### 1. Purpose

This Schedule defines the terms and conditions under which MSD employees may directly access Departures/Arrivals information in CusMod for the purposes of the AISA and this protocol, and in accordance with section 314 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

# 2 Relevance, timeliness, completeness and integrity of information

#### 2.1 Relevance

- 2.1.1 An IIO will only access information on CusMod for the purposes permitted under the AISA and this protocol.
- 2.1.2 In particular, CusMod will only be used by an IIO for the following purposes:
  - a) support the accurate identification of the client; or
  - b) determine whether the client is in New Zealand; or
  - c) determine whether the client continues to be eligible for one or more benefits.
- 2.1.3 In accordance with the purposes in clause 2.1.2, CusMod will be used in the following circumstances:
  - a) where a positive match is identified during the data matching process described in Schedule 1 (the data match), but the accuracy of the match result requires verification; or
  - b) for the purpose of the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme (NZSOS Programme):
    - (i) where a positive match is identified during the data match, but the client has made contact to advise they are not currently overseas; or
    - (ii) where a positive match is identified during the data match but the accuracy of the match result requires verification
    - (iii) where there has not been a positive match during the data match, but the client has made contact to advise they are stranded overseas; or
    - (iv) where MSD intends to suspend payments at the conclusion of the NZSOS Programme, to determine whether the client is still overseas.
- 2.1.4 MSD access to CusMod for the purpose of the NZSOS programme ceases on 30 October 2021 unless an extension is agreed by both parties in writing and reflected in an update to this operational protocol.

2.1.5 Before accessing CusMod, MSD must believe on reasonable grounds that the information held on CusMod is or may be capable of resolving one or more of the matters referred to in clause 2.1.2.

#### 2.2 Timeliness and expected volumes

- 2.2.1 CusMod will be used on an "as required" basis by authorised IIOs within the IIC.
- 2.2.2 Information is entered into CusMod at the point of entry or departure from New Zealand. This means that information held in CusMod is real-time information.
- 2.2.3 The expected number of CusMod enquiries will be 1500 per week.
- 2.2.4 IIOs will only be allowed to access CusMod during normal business hours except in exceptional circumstances and with agreement with Customs.

#### 2.3 Completeness and integrity

2.3.1 While Customs takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information is correct at the time of entry into CusMod, the fact that the information is real-time information means that there has not necessarily been an opportunity to check or correct it and it therefore cannot always be relied on.

# 3 Query technique

- 3.1 Records will initially be searched using name and date of birth information. In some cases, a passport number (where available) may be used to verify travel movements.
- 3.2 To support the search function, Customs will make a facility available to complete a soundex search simultaneously when a client name search is being completed. The soundex facility means that the system will search for all surnames with a similar sound and/or spelling when completing the search. This function will provide support in locating differently spelt versions of a person's name.
- 3.3 On entry of this search term, CusMod will display all persona and passport matches it finds to an interim window on a "passenger search" screen. The following information will be displayed:
  - (a) Passport number, country of citizenship
  - (b) Given names, surname, date of birth
  - (c) Gender
  - (d) Passport status (holder or endorsement)
- 3.4 The IIO will use this information to determine whether there is a match with the

active client information that MSD holds. The IIO will only continue to use CusMod where a match is established.

- 3.5 Once a match is established in CusMod, the client is selected and a request made to the system to display passenger travel movement information. This screen will display the following information:
  - (a) Full name
  - (b) Date of birth
  - (c) Nationality
  - (d) Gender
  - (e) Passport number and country of citizenship
  - (f) Date and place of departure from New Zealand; destination; and all flight/craft details
  - (g) Date and place of arrival in New Zealand; point of departure to New Zealand; and flight/craft details.
- 3.6 Where a search has been successfully completed in CusMod, a printout will be obtained and attached to the client's file. The information obtained will remain on the file and may form part of the critical data to make a decision about eligibility for a benefit. It will be destroyed subject to any applicable destruction protocols.
- 3.7 Where the search does not satisfactorily resolve the query, no data will be used in relation to a client or attached to the client's file.

#### 4 Controls and security

#### 4.1 Control of access to CusMod

- Access to CusMod is controlled by Customs. MSD will nominate staff that they consider suitable to have access to CusMod. To gain access to CusMod, the IIO must complete an application and MSD must forward the application to Customs. Customs will complete the appropriate security checks for applicants and make a final decision on access rights.
- 4.1.2 IIOs will have read-only access. They must not be able to make any changes to information held in CusMod.
- 4.1.3 Each IIO who is authorised to access CusMod will be assigned a unique user logon and password, so that each staff member making enquiries can be uniquely identified.
- 4.1.4 No more than 50 IIOs will be authorised to access CusMod, unless MSD obtains the prior approval of Customs.

- 4.1.5 Access to CusMod will be secured via the transport protocol, user logon and permitted functions within the workflow management system. All network traffic must take place via a secure 128 SSL session (https) or in accordance with any updated government security standards no access will be via any other protocol.
- 4.1.6 IIOs will only be allowed to access CusMod using an authorised MSD device and from within the recognised MSD network.

#### 4.2 Security

#### 4.2.1 Customs will:

- (a) be responsible for the security of CusMod information, including during its transmission to MSD
- (b) maintain a register of IIOs who are authorised to access CusMod
- (c) ensure that an IIO's access is removed once MSD advises Customs that the employee no longer requires access.

#### 4.2.2 MSD will:

- (a) ensure the security of data that it holds during transmission to Customs
- (b) ensure that IIOs are clear which CusMod files they are allowed to access and for what purposes
- (c) advise Customs when an IIO no longer requires access to CusMod
- (d) report any security breaches to Customs immediately
- (e) validate the CusMod generated list of enquiries against its own records and resolve any variances.

#### 5 Retention and destruction of information

- MSD will destroy matched information that does not disclose a discrepancy as soon as practicable.
- 5.2 In the event of an identified match, MSD will destroy the information not later than 60 working days after it becomes aware of the match, unless, before that period expires, MSD has considered the information and made a decision to suspend or take action.
- 5.3 MSD will destroy matched information that reveals a discrepancy as soon as practicable after it is no longer needed for the purposes of taking adverse action.

#### 6 Databank of previous queries

6.1 Neither Party will create a new databank of queries, or results of queries, made under this Schedule.

# 7 Audit process

- 7.1 Customs will complete an audit at least annually. The audit will be focused on ensuring that:
  - (a) only approved personnel are using CusMod
  - (b) enquiries being made in CusMod are for permitted purposes
  - (c) no unauthorised disclosure of information is taking place.
- 7.2 Customs will ensure that an audit trail is available that will show which CusMod files have been accessed by IIOs. It will notify MSD of the results of audits that it undertakes.
- 7.3 MSD will:
  - (a) co-operate with any Customs audits
  - (b) conduct its own random and full audit checks to ensure that CusMod enquiries made by an IIO are checked against the Customs report for any discrepancies
  - (c) make those audit checks available to Customs on request.

#### Schedule 3

# Operating costs and contacts

# 1. Operating costs

- 1.1 \$1,000 per month (exclusive of GST). Customs will charge MSD per record sent.
- 1.2 The operating costs are payable monthly in arrears.
- 1.3 Customs will issue an invoice for the operating costs.

#### 2 Contacts

- 2.1 The initial contact persons are as follows:
  - (i) MSD: Lead Advisor, Information Sharing.
  - (ii) Customs: Team Leader, Border Systems.
- 2.2 All notices and other communication between the Parties under this Agreement shall be sent to the contact persons specified above.
- 2.3 The contact persons set out above may be updated from time to time by notice to the other Party and the Privacy Commissioner.

# Appendix 1

# Match levels

Compared Data Items or Portions of Data Items Group 1	Match Level Number
MSD & Customs Surnames	
MSD & Customs First Names	1
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
Group 2	
MSD & Customs Surnames	2
MSD & Customs First Names up to two letters out	
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surnames	
MSD & Customs First Names on soundex	3
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surname	
MSD & Customs First Names	4
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surnames	5
MSD & Customs First Names	5
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs any two sections of the Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surnames same first four letters, up to two letters out on rest of surname	6
MSD & Customs First Names	
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surnames same first four letters, soundex on rest of surname	7
MSD & Customs First Name	
MSD & Customs Second Names	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	
MSD & Customs Surnames	
MSD First Name & Customs Second Name	8
MSD Second Name & Customs First Name	
MSD & Customs Date of Birth	

# Appendix 2



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

# **Minute of Decision**

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# Extending the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme

Portfolio

Social Development and Employment

On 7 April 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee, having been authorised by the Prime Minister to have Power to Act:

#### 1 noted that:

- on 3 April 2020, the COVID-19 Ministerial Group agreed to resume or continue payment of certain benefits and pensions to Ministry of Social Development (MSD) clients stranded abroad as a result of COVID-19 [CMG-20-MIN-0047];
- on 20 April 2020, the Minister for Social Development and Employment established the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme (NZSOS programme) to provide special financial support to eligible MSD clients overseas who are unable to return to New Zealand due to COVID-19;
- noted that in September 2020, Cabinet agreed to extend the expiry of the NZSOS programme from 20 October 2020 to 27 April 2021 [CAB-20-MIN-0452];
- noted that as at 22 March 2021, 1,298 clients were being supported by the NZSOS programme, and the impact of COVID-19 may be limiting these clients' ability to return to New Zealand before the expiry of the programme;
- 4 agreed to extend the NZSOS programme for four months, to 31 August 2021;
- 5 noted that the Minister for Social Development and Employment will amend the NZSOS programme with immediate effect before 27 April 2021 to

- implement the extension, and to allow payments currently being made under the existing programme to continue to eligible clients;
- directed MSD officials to clearly communicate to clients that the NZSOS programme will not be extended further beyond 31 August 2021;

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- directed MSD officials to undertake a check of the location and eligibility of all clients being supported by the NZSOS programme to receive ongoing support under the programme commencing in the week of 12 April 2021;
- noted that MSD officials will determine the eligibility of most clients who respond to the check referred to in paragraph 7 above by the end of May 2021 and payments will be stopped for those who do not respond to the check by 6 June 2021;
- directed MSD officials to undertake a check of the eligibility of New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) and Veterans' Pension (VP) clients being supported by the NZSOS programme to alternative support options, including payment under statutory portability provisions and reciprocal social security agreements, and to transition as many clients as possible to alternative supports;
- directed MSD officials to actively work to transition NZS and VP clients to alternative support options and encourage the 71 beneficiaries currently being supported by the programme to return to New Zealand;
- noted that once MSD has gathered information about clients' locations, as part of the eligibility check noted in paragraph 7 above, if quarantine-free travel opens with another country (including Australia), MSD will directly communicate with clients in that country to re-assess their eligibility for continued payment under the NZSOS programme and payments will be stopped within seven weeks, unless MSD is satisfied they remain eligible;
- noted that MSD officials will report back to the Minister for Social Development and Employment on the number of people being supported by the NZSOS programme, who have exited the programme and who are eligible to transition to alternative support options by 1 July 2021;
- agreed to increase spending to provide for the costs associated with the decision in paragraph 4 above, with the following impact on the operating balance and net core Crown debt:

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
Vote Social Development	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	6.012	6.111	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	0.904	0.921	www.accesseration	-	<u>-</u>
Total	6.916	7.032	•	-	-

14 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decision in paragraph 13 above:

\$m - increase/(decrease)				
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agreed that the changes to appropriations for 2020/21 above be included in the 2020/21

Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;

- agreed that the operating balance impact and net core Crown debt impact in paragraph 13 above of the expenses incurred under paragraph 14 above be charged against the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund established as part of Budget 2020;
- authorised the Minister for Social Development and Employment to make minor and technical policy, design, and implementation decisions regarding the NZSOS programme.

Rachel Clarke Committee Secretary

#### Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Dr Megan Woods

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)

Hon Andrew Little

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Kris Faafoi

Hon Peeni Henare

Hon Willie Jackson

Hon Ayesha Verrall

Hon Aupito William Sio

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

#### Officials present from:

Office of the Prime

Minister

Office of the SWC Chair

Officials Committee for

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# New Zealand Customs Service / MSD - Departures / Arrivals Match

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In this match the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) is the matching and <u>user agency [http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/fraud-investigation-procedures/fraud-glossary.html]</u>; Customs is the <u>source agency [http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/fraud-investigation-procedures/fraud-glossary.html]</u>.

This match is run weekly.

#### **Procedures**

- 1. Customs prepares a weekly tape that records all individual travel movements to and from New Zealand. The Customs data is matched against the entire SWIFTT and SAL database.
- 2. All clients who appear to have no entitlement to their MSD payments while absent from New Zealand for any period of time are immediately produced as a positive match.
- 3. Clients who have a certain period of entitlement to their benefit/pension payments while absent from New Zealand (for example, 28 days for Sole Parent Support with no work preparation activities assigned; 26 weeks New Zealand Superannuation) have their departure details stored in a "holding file" until one of two events occur:

The client returns to New Zealand within the allowable period.

When the arrival data is matched with the departure data in the "holding file" the client is excluded from becoming a <u>positive match</u> [http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/fraud-investigation/fraud-investigation-procedures/fraud-glossary.html] and the computer destroys all match details.

The client has exceeded the allowable period of absence.

When no arrival data has been received by expiry of entitlement period, a <u>positive match [http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/fraud-investigation-procedures/fraud-glossary.html] is produced.</u>

4. All positive matches are loaded from IAP into AIMOS.

For more information see:

The Integrity Intervention Centre (IIC) [http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/fraud-investigation/the-integrity-intervention-centre-iic-01.html]

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# Integrity Intervention Officer (IIO) Customs Match

CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE (CDA)



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#### INTRODUCTION

This training manual will give you an understanding of how to process a Child Disability Allowance (CDA) case within the Customs Match.

The Customs Match is the sharing of information between the NZ Customs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The purpose of this match is to identify clients in receipt of financial assistance who travel out of the country for more than 28 days. If MSD are going to use the information received, we must let the client know and allow a 10-working day notice period for the client to check the information before we take adverse action on the file. After 10 days, payments can be stopped, and overpayments are able to be established on a clients file.

In May 2019 new legislation was implemented for the Customs match. An Approved Information Sharing Arrangement (AISA) has been developed between the NZ Customs and MSD which enables some payments to be stopped at day 29 of a client being overseas, without the 10-day notice period. This allows clients to receive their correct entitlement and reduce the creation of a significant quantity of debts for clients.

Services covered by the AISA include:

- ✓ Accommodation Supplement (AS)
- ✓ Disability Allowance (DA)
- ✓ Temporary Additional Support (TAS)
- ✓ Special Benefit (SPB)
- ✓ Orphans Benefit (OB)
- ✓ Unsupported Child Benefit (UCB)
- ✓ Clothing Allowance (CA)
- ✓ Winter Energy Payment (WEP)
- ✓ Child Disability Allowance (CDA)
- ✓ Child Care Subsidy (CCS) including OSCAR and Early Learning Payment (ELP)
- ✓ Special Disability Allowance (SPDA)

Although CDA is included as a service covered by AISA, the Integrity Intervention Centre (IIC) are currently still allowing the 10-day notice period before taking adverse action on a clients file. Once a process is confirmed, the CDA match will move to the AISA rules.

IIC will only take action on clients who have not returned to NZ after the 10-day notice period. If a client has returned to NZ, the CDA service will be referred to the local office to follow up with payment. If a client is matched for receiving a Non-Beneficiary service i.e., Accommodation Supplement and CDA, we would apply the AISA rules to the non-beneficiary service at screening and allow the 10-day notice period for the CDA. The Non-beneficiary service can then be resolved at User Action stage, and the actions for the CDA will depend if the client has returned to NZ or not. This is discussed more later in the manual under "Multiple Services".

# CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

Child Disability Allowance (CDA) is a non-taxable allowance that is available to the principal caregiver of a dependent child who has a serious disability. It is paid because of the extra care that may be needed by a child who has a physical, sensory, psychiatric, or intellectual disability.

The client may also be able to receive a Disability Allowance to meet any additional costs the child as because of their disability.

Once a child turns 16 years of age, they may be able to receive Supported Living Payment on the ground of having a health condition, injury or disability.

# ABSENCE FROM NZ

Clients who are getting CDA but not a main benefit can be absent from New Zealand (NZ) and keep getting their payment for the first 28 days if it does not affect the client's eligibility for CDA. These cases come through the Customs match and are covered in this manual.

Clients getting a main benefit and CDA come through a separate spreadsheet called "Additionals" and is worked by staff who process the Absence match.

If the client or child is leaving NZ permanently, CDA must be cancelled from the day after departure. CDA may be payable to the new caregiver if the child is remaining in NZ and the new caregiver meets the qualifications for CDA – IIC should stop the payments and refer the information to the local office to follow up with payments to the new caregiver.

# **SCREENING**

Screening is the process of making the decision whether to open and progress a case that is loaded into AIMOS for a client that has been matched through the Customs match as leaving New Zealand.

The act of opening a case is the intention of beginning action against the client matched.

For a decision to be made (based on information held and rules applied), the manual screening process will determine when a case should be opened.

The screening process is to:

- 1. Verify the personal details received from Customs matches our MSD client
- 2. Check the system to see if the client has notified of their intentions to travel
- 3. Check if the client was receiving payments during their absence
- 4. Remove files which meet the 'LEG rules'

#### **S2P TASK**

Screening cases will come through the Straight 2 Processing (S2P) tool as a task; as below:



#### VERIFYING OUR CLIENT

The correct client must always be verified BEFORE continuing to screen each case.

#### To verify the client in CMS and/or AIMOS, always check:

- ✓ Agency Surname and MSD Surname match
- ✓ Agency Christian name and MSD Christian name match (Remember to check MSD aliases in CMS)
- ✓ Agency Date of Birth and MSD Date of Birth match
- ✓ Agency gender and MSD gender match
- ✓ Agency passport number and MSD passport number in CMS
- ✓ Agency passport origin and MSD passport origin in CMS
- ✓ Agency passport code and MSD residential address in CMS



#### **AIMOS**

In the "Records" tab in AIMOS locate the Agency Details (these are the details received from Customs). Compare the Agency details with MSD details to help establish if the correct person is matched.



#### **Evidence tab - CMS**

Check for aliases in CMS, the alias history may help to establish if the correct person is matched. This is under the evidence tab on the CMS Homepage.



#### **Scanned Documents**

Check Scanned Documents for any proof that will confirm this is the correct client i.e., passport/birth and/or marriage certificates.

- If your findings are that it is the wrong person, LEG the case as "WRONG PERSON" in AIMOS making sure no notes are in any other MSD system. See AIMOS (SCREENING) section on how to update AIMOS.
- If you find we are matching the correct client, continue to check if they notified of their absence from NZ.

# **SCREENING RULES**

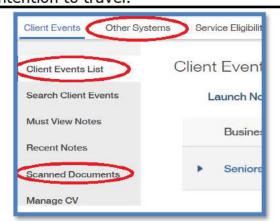
The following rules are used to determine what cases are made OPEN and what cases are made LEGITIMATE (closed).

The following records are to be removed and recorded as 'LEGITIMATE' in AIMOS.

LEG RULES	LEG REASONS IN AIMOS	
Incorrect client is matched	Wrong Person	
All travel details are recorded, and MSD has taken the correct actions	Already Recorded by MSD	
CDA status is cancelled or suspended more than 8 weeks before the client LNZ (Leg and send referral for frontline to cancel record)	Entitlement Not Impacted	
Client advised MSD of their correct travel dates/details and the correct actions have not been taken (Leg and refer)	Already Recorded by MSD	
Matched client is receiving a work tested benefit (JS/SPS/EB/SLP/EMA/YP/YPP) and receiving CDA. This will have been actioned via the Absence/Additionals match.	MSD decision not to progress	

### IS MSD AWARE OF THE TRAVEL?

Once it is confirmed that the correct client was matched, check if the client advised MSD of their intention to travel.

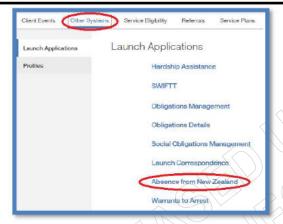


### **Client Event List**

Check CMS notes written up to a month prior to the clients' matched leaving date to see if they notified of their travel.

#### **Scanned Documents**

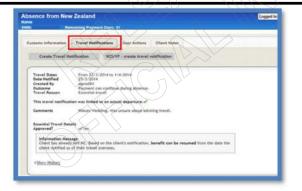
Check Scanned Documents in case the client has provided their travel itinerary or completed a Personal Details form to declare their travel.



### WASP

Sometimes a client will notify of their intentions to travel via MyMSD. These notifications will sit in WASP. Other business units may also add the client's notification into WASP, so it is important to check WASP.

To open WASP go to the Other Systems tab in CMS Service Delivery Case and select "Absence from New Zealand".



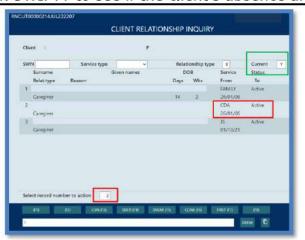
#### **WASP** - Travel Notifications

If the client has declared leaving NZ on the same date as AIMOS you can leg the case. Still check if the payments have stopped correctly as a referral may also need to be sent.

- If the client has not advised of their travel continue to the SWIFTT checks.
- If the client has advised of their travel the case can be legged as "Already recorded" however check SWIFTT to see if the appropriate actions have been taken to the payments. If the payments are still current the case can still be legged, but a referral will also need to be sent to the local office via CMS.
- If all appropriate actions have been taken on the file based on the clients notification, the case can be legged as "Already recorded".

#### CHECKING SWIFTT

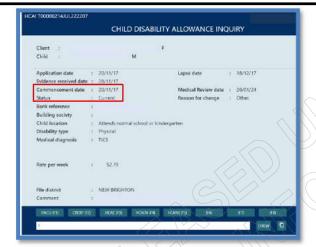
Check SWIFTT to see if the client's absence affects the payments the client is receiving.



#### RNCLI

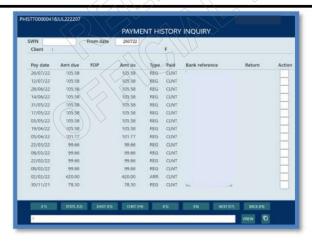
To view details of the CDA, look for the child on the RNCLI screen. This will show any current (active) or suspended CDA. Non-current CDA will show when entering a [N] in the current field (see green box in RNCLI screenshot).

Select the record by entering the number in the record number to action field and press enter.



#### HCAI <

This screen is the equivalent of the SSTAI screen and displays the current status of the allowance, rate per week etc.



#### PHIST

This is a payments history screen, check this screen to see if a client was receiving CDA during the period they travelled overseas.

- If the services are suspended for more than 8 weeks before the client left NZ, the case can be "legged" and a referral sent to local office to cancel the payments.
- If the payments are current the case should be opened (depending if the client notified).
- ! If the CDA is suspended less than 8 weeks before the client left NZ, check for any notes regarding the client's absence from NZ. If there are no notes about the client leaving NZ, leave an "already suspended" screening note in CMS and open the AIMOS case.

### **OPEN OR LEG**

The following are common scenarios you will come across at Screening stage.

## WRONG PERSON MATCHED

If the Customs name, date of birth or gender does not match our MSD client we cannot progress our case. LEG the case in AIMOS and add a paperclip note as to why the case has been legged i.e., "Name and DOB do not match. Wrong person." Outcome S2P accordingly.

#### **CORRECT PERSON MATCHED - NO NOTES ABOUT TRAVEL**

If we have matched the correct client and they haven't notified of their travel, we must check if they were receiving payments during their absence.

If the payments are current, we will need to open our case to ensure we are paying the client correctly. The "Opening a case" note should be added to CMS and the AIMOS case should be opened. Outcome S2P accordingly.

If the CDA has been suspended for less than 8 weeks prior to absence the case still needs to be opened. Add the "suspended more than 8 weeks" note into CMS and leave it in progress. AIMOS case should be opened. Outcome S2P accordingly.

If the CDA has been suspended for more than 8 weeks prior to absence the case can be legged as "Entitlement Not Impacted". The "suspended more than 8 weeks" referral should be sent to the local office. AIMOS case should be closed. Outcome S2P accordingly.

### **CORRECT PERSON MATCHED - NOTES ABOUT TRAVEL**

If we have matched the correct client and they have of notified of their travel, the case must be "legged" and we should also check if MSD have stopped the payments.

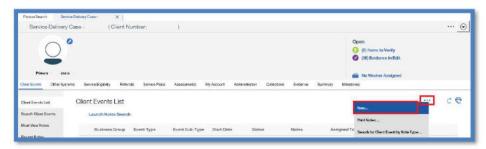
If the CDA is current, the "Legging a case" referral note should be added to CMS and put into the local office Ready for Processing work queue so they can follow up on payments. and the AIMOS case should be legged. Outcome S2P accordingly.

If the CDA has been suspended for more than 8 weeks prior to absence the case can be legged as "Entitlement Not Impacted". The "suspended more than 8 weeks" referral should be sent to the local office. AIMOS case should be closed. Outcome S2P accordingly.

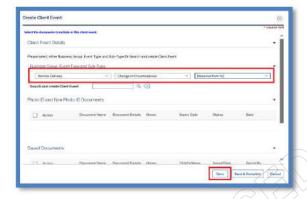
### **UPDATING CMS - SCREENING**

If the case is to be opened, a screening note must be added in CMS to ensure the rest of MSD are aware that IIC have received the matched information.

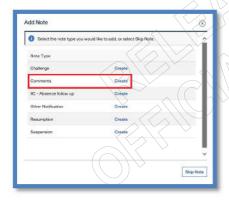
Refer to the screen below, a new Client Event note must be added.



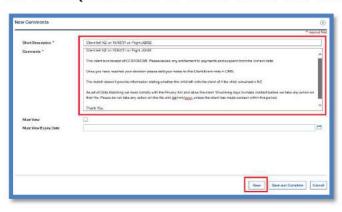
For all clients use: Service Delivery – Change in Circumstances – Absence from NZ and then 'save' the note.



#### Select Comments - Create



Add the applicable screening note template provided in the templates document sent to you via email (it can also be found within this manual) and select 'Save'.



Proceed to update AIMOS.

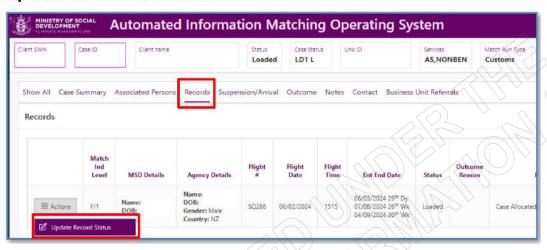
#### **AIMOS - SCREENING**

## **OPENING A CASE**

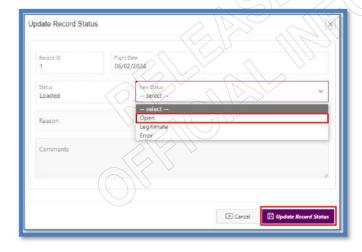
A case should be opened when:

- ✓ There are no notes about the client LNZ and the CDA is current.
- ✓ There are no notes about the client LNZ and the CDA is suspended after the client LNZ
- ✓ There are no notes about the client LNZ and the CDA is suspended less than 8 weeks before the client LNZ

To open the case, in the Records tab, click on the **Actions** button and then click on the **Update Record Status** button.



The following window will appear:



Select Open status then click Update Record Status.

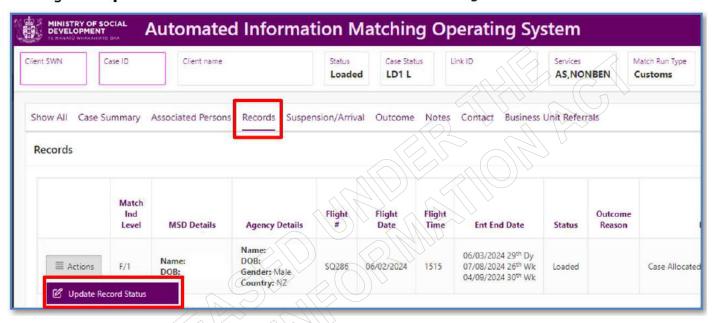
To make it easier for the next person who works an open case, it is appreciated if comments can be added to the comments box shown above as to why the case has been opened and what actions you have taken i.e. No notes about LNZ, CDA current, CMS note added.

## **LEGGING A CASE**

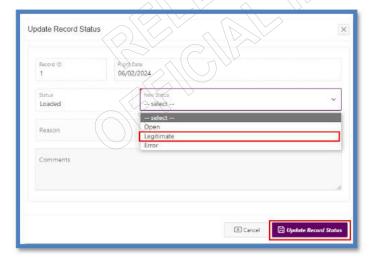
A case should be LEG when:

- ✓ There are notes about the client LNZ and the CDA is suspended.
- ✓ There are notes about the client LNZ and the CDA is current (a referral should also be made to the clients local office)
- ✓ The CDA is suspended/expired/cancelled for any reason or more than 8 weeks before the client LNZ

Once the decision is made to make a case LEGITIMATE, in AIMOS update the record status by clicking the 'Update Record Status' button and then selecting LEGITIMATE.



The following window will appear:

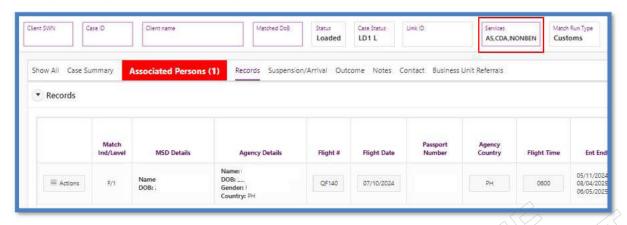


Click on Legitimate.

Choose the reason for legging and add a note in the comments section with the reasons for legging, then click Update Record Status.

### **MULTIPLE SERVICES - SCREENING**

Sometimes a CDA case will have other services attached to it. This will show in the Services box in the top right corner of AIMOS.



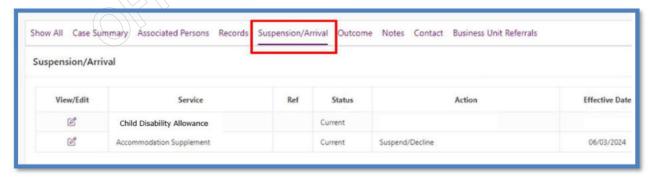
The above screenshot shows this client has been matched for receiving No beneficiary Accommodation Supplement and CDA. You will need to work both services in this case.

Complete all screening actions (checking CMS, WASP and SWIFTT) to see if the client notified of their absence. If the case is to be opened, add two separate CMS notes (one for CDA and another for the non-beneficiary assistance).

Suspend the non-bene assistance from either 29<sup>th</sup> day (if this does not create a debt) or FAD (if debt to be created). AISA rules.

NOTE: the relevant LEG rules still apply if a client is matched for multiple services i.e. client advised of their correct departure date however both the Non-beneficiary service and the CDA are current. Send a referral to the clients local office to follow up with the correct actions for the Non-beneficiary and CDA services (one referral note).

Proceed to open the case in AIMOS. Go to the susp/arrival tab and update suspension details for non-beneficiary service, this will generate a letter to client advising of the suspension.



There are times when one service is not current at the time of screening. Do not delete services at screening, the service is just not updated if not current.

# **UPDATING S2P (SCREENING)**

A Once AIMOS has been updated with either OPEN or LEGITIMATE, complete the S2P task in the Outcome section. Select one of the outcomes below and then click on Result.



Outcome result	When to use
Hold	Putting a task on hold to work on at a later time
Client Known	The client is known to you
Already Actioned	Case has already been actioned
No match identified (multi-client)	None of the clients in the multi match have been identified as the correct client, no case opened.
Legitimate	Decision was made NOT to open and progress the case
Screening completed - case opened	Decision was made to open and progress the case

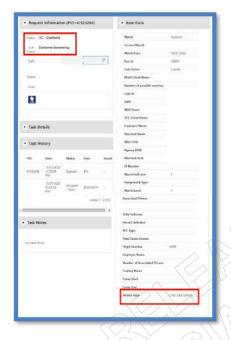
## **USER ACTIONS**

A user action task will generate 10 working days from when the S181 letter was issued to the client.

At this time the CDA can be suspended to prevent any further overpayment and to ensure then client is receiving their correct entitlement. Whether the client has returned to NZ or not determines the actions that are taken.

## **S2P TASK - USER ACTIONS**

User action cases will come through S2P as a task; as below:



## **WORKING THE CASE**

If there are no notes to indicate if client returned, complete a CUSMOD check.

### **CLIENT HAS NOT RETURNED**

IIC will suspend the CDA from the 29<sup>th</sup> day since the client LNZ which will automatically create an overpayment. A referral is then sent to the clients' local office to advise of the suspension and debt and request they follow up with ongoing entitlement to CDA.

Only a suspension letter will be sent from AIMOS at user actions stage.

The child may still qualify for payment however the caregiver may need to change.

IIC does not know if the child has remained in NZ or has been absent, it is up to the local office to establish this and complete all follow up actions.

#### **CLIENT HAS RETURNED**

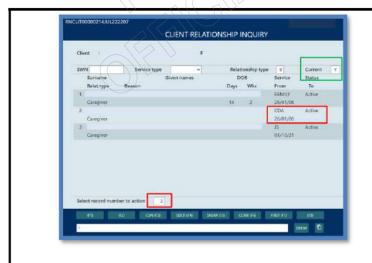
IIC will send a referral to the client's local office to follow up with any further entitlement checks for the CDA.

	SWIFTT	CMS	AIMOS
Client has returned	n/a	Referral to local office	Outcome case (resolvable then outcome)
Client has not returned	Suspend CDA from 29 <sup>th</sup> day (or from day after LNZ if left permanently)	Add "CDA suspended" note from templates and refer to local office	Update Suspension/Arrival tab with suspension details.
			Send system generated suspension letter.
			DO NOT MAKE THE CASE RESOLVABLE.

### SWIFTT ACTIONS - SUSPENDING CDA

To view details of the CDA, search for the child on the RNCLI scree There may be more than one page and each child may have more than one entry. Look for the CDA Active entry.

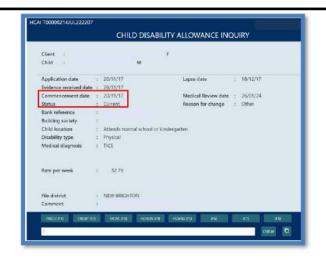
If the CDA is already suspended proceed to close AIMOS. If the CDA is still current, continue with the suspension actions (HCAC). There could be more than one child, so each child will need to be actioned separately.



## **RNCLI**

To view details of the CDA, look for the child on the RNCLI screen. This will show any current (active) or suspended CDA. Non-current CDA will show when entering a [N] in the current field (see green box in RNCLI screenshot below).

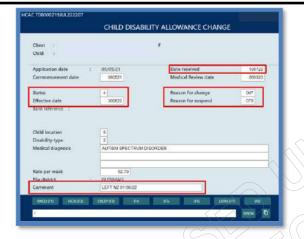
Select the record by entering the number in the record number to action field and press enter.



#### HCAI

If the CDA is already suspended proceed to close AIMOS.

If the CDA is still current, continue with the suspension actions (HCAC). There could be more than one child, so each child will need to be actioned separately.



#### **HCAC**

Date received: today's date

Status: 4 (suspend)

Reason for change: 007 (other)

Effective date: 29th day after leaving

NZ

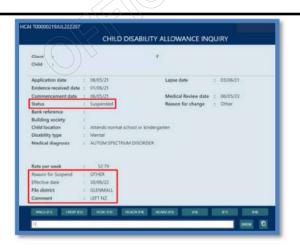
Reason for Suspend: 070 (other)

Comment: Left NZ 00/00/00



If the entry is successful, the following messages will show if an overpayment has been created.

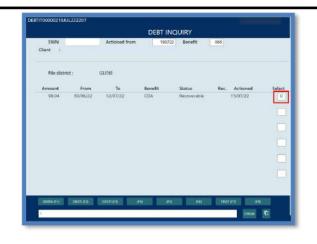
Go back to HCAI to check suspension status



### **HCAI**

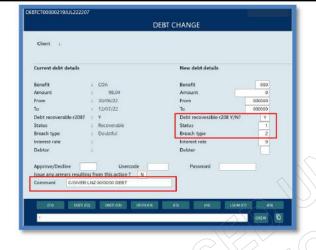
The status should now show as suspended effective from the 29<sup>th</sup> day.

To view the overpayment details check DEBTI.



#### DEBTI

Update the details of the debt to reflect the reason and update the r208 indicator. To select a debt entry to change it, add a 'C' in the select column. You will be taken o the DEBTC screen.



#### DEBTC

Debt recoverable r208 Y/N? Y (yes)

Status: 1 (recoverable)

Reason for change: 2 (doubtful)

Comment: C/GIVER LNZ 00/00/00

DEBT

Write down the overpayment period as this is to be added to the CMS note.

### **UPDATING CMS - USER ACTIONS**

### CLIENT HAS NOT RETURNED TO NZ

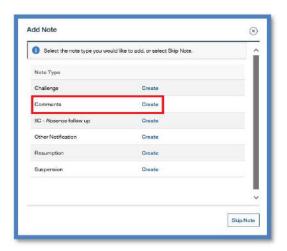
When the CDA was suspended because the client hasn't returned to NZ, an automatic debt would have been created as the 29<sup>th</sup> day is in the past. It is important to add a CMS note ("Client hasn't returned" template) to both reflect the suspension and the overpayment created. This note should be added to the existing Client Event created at screening and referred to the client's local office so they can follow up on any ongoing entitlement to the payment.

#### **CLIENT HAS RETURNED TO NZ**

If we have found notes in CMS/AIMOS or checked CUSMOD and the client has returned to NZ, a referral ("Already returned" template) needs to be sent to the clients local office so they can follow up on entitlement to CDA. As our match information does not state whether the child also left NZ, the local office will be responsible for taking the appropriate actions to the CDA payment.

NOTE: Add the appropriate note to the original Screening Client Event

Select "comments" and "create"



Add the appropriate template (based on whether the client has returned to NZ or not) and select 'Save'



Once the note is saved, click on the actions menu (. . .) and from the drop-down menu select "Other Work Queue".

This note should then be referred to the clients' local office work queue. Select "Send to Workqueue".



Proceed to update AIMOS.

#### **AIMOS ACTIONS - USER ACTIONS**

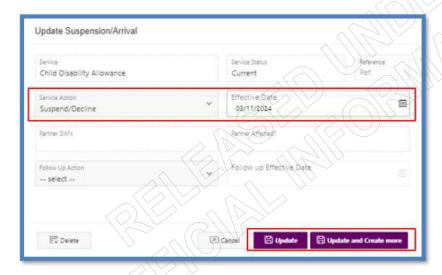
#### **CLIENT HAS NOT RETURNED**

The client must be notified of the actions that have been taken on their record i.e. suspension. At user action stage, update AIMOS to generate the suspension letter.

Tick **CUSMOD Checked?** Box (if CUSMOD was checked). Go to the **Suspension/Arrival** tab and click on **Quick Fill Services** 



Under the Action tab select Suspend/Decline from the dropdown box, enter effective date of suspension (29<sup>th</sup> day) and Update.



The following message will appear. Select System Generate and OK.



Leave the case at OPEN so the suspension letter can generate overnight.

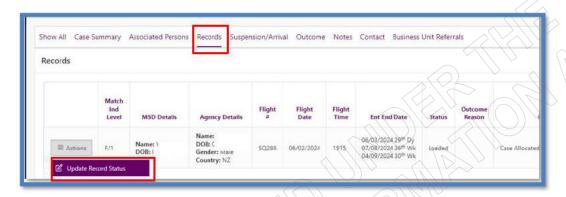
DO NOT MAKE THE CASE RESOLVABLE.

#### **CLIENT HAS RETURNED**

In the Suspension/Arrival tab, update the Arrival Date box and tick CUSMOD Checked? (if CUSMOD was used).

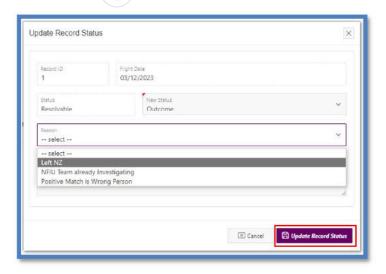


Record Status in AIMOS from Open to Resolvable and then to Outcome.

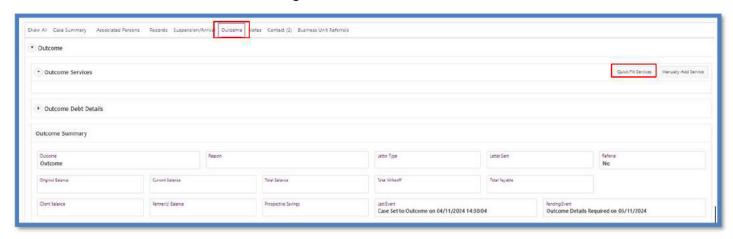


View the options by clicking on the 'New Status' drop down arrow then select Outcome. Select the relevant Reason from the drop-down options available.

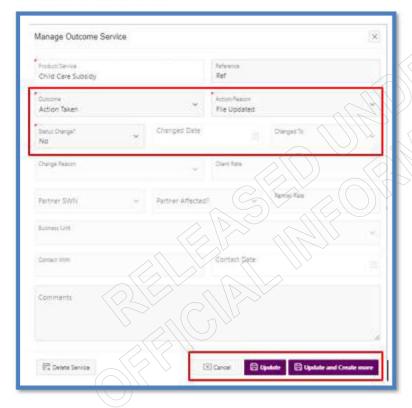
Outcome Reason	When to use
Left NZ	Use for all Outcome cases where you have created an Overpayment or will be NFA'ing.
NFIU Investigating	Use where NFIU are investigating the case
Positive Match is Wrong Person	Client has confirmed did not leave NZ and we have matched the wrong person.



Click on the Outcome tab and select 'Quick Fill Services' screen.



The primary/main service will be prefilled that was loaded for the case. Services can be added or deleted if required.



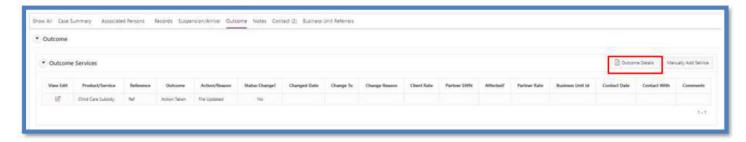
Add all services that have been assessed in this case

For CDA cases where the client has returned to NZ:

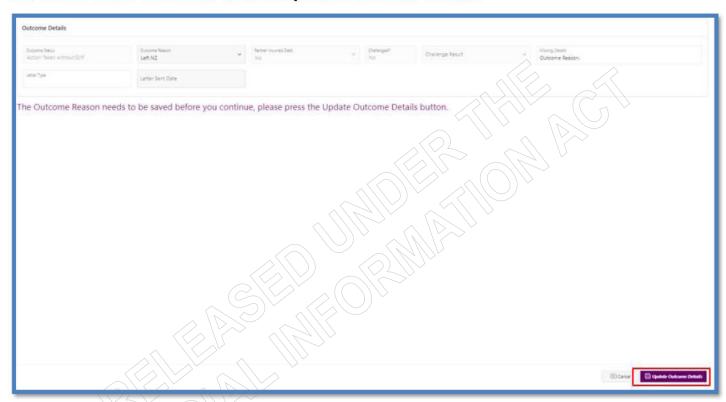
CDA	Option to choose
Outcome	Action Taken
Action/Reason	File Updated
Status Change?	No

Click Update.

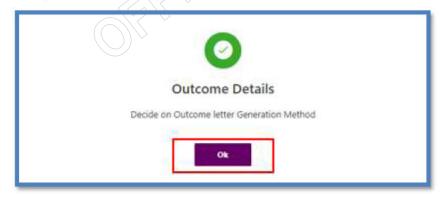
### Click on the Outcome Details button



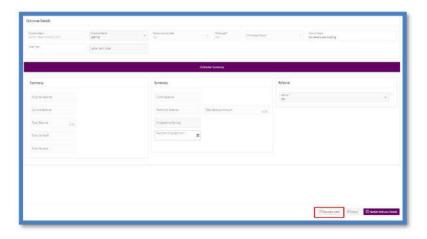
## The screen below will show. Click on Update Outcome Details



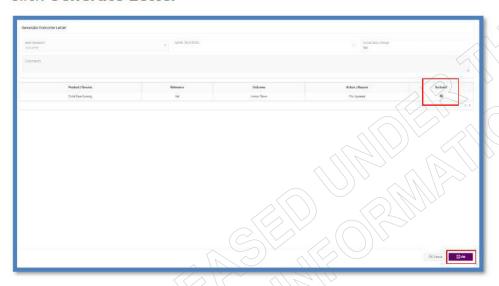
If the Outcome details have been completed, a window will appear requesting you to complete the letter generation details.



Click OK



#### Click Generate Letter



## **EXCLUDE THE LETTER.**

## AIMOS/MANUAL LETTERS

CDA only case and client has RETURNED: no letter to be sent - tick exclude.

<u>CDA only case and client has NOT RETURNED</u>: Send AIMOS suspension letter (at User Action) and AIMOS outcome letter (at Resolving)

## MULTIPLE SERVICE case:

- <u>Client has RETURNED and Non-bene service suspended from 29<sup>th</sup> day</u>: No debt created: manual ECS letter to be sent (include resumption/arrears details).
- <u>Client has RETURNED and Non-bene service suspended from FAD</u>: Non bene debt created: manual ECS letter with non bene debt, resumption, arrears details.
- Client has NOT RETURNED and Non-bene service suspended from 29<sup>th</sup> day:
  - o At User Action Send Manual ECS Suspension letter for CDA
  - At Resolvable Send Outcome letter with CDA debt details tick exclude for the Non bene service.
- Client has NOT RETURNED and Non-bene service suspended from FAD:
  - At User Action Send Manual ECS Suspension letter for CDA
  - At Resolvable Send Outcome letter with Non bene and CDA debt details.

## CDA USER ACTIONS - MULTIPLE SERVICES

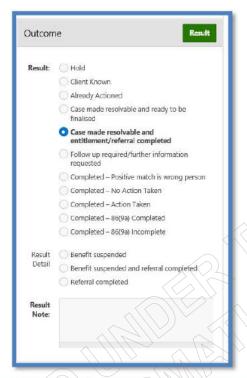
Sometimes a CDA case will have other services attached to it. This will show in the box in the top right corner of AIMOS. **You will need to work both services in the case.** The actions taken at user action stage will depend on whether the client has returned to NZ or not.

Check all systems (CMS, WASP, AIMOS and SWIFTT) to see if the client has made contact since screening. If there are no notes allowing the payments to continue and the client has not advised of a return date, check CUSMOD to see if the client has returned.

	CDA USER	ACTIONS - MU	JLTIPLE SERV	ICES
	SERVICE	SWIFTT	CMS	AIMOS
Client has returned	CDA	n/a	Referral to local office	Action Taken > File Updated > No
	Non bene service	Suspended from FAD:  - Complete BDR for any debt period - Resume payments from return date (if client has made contact) - Offset arrears from debt created.  Suspended from 29th day: - Resume from return date	Add overpayment note template (if debt established)	Debt case: Outcome case with debt details, manual NPC Customs letter to be sent. Include overpayment, resumption, arrears details as required.  No Debt case: Outcome case, manual MPC Customs letter to be sent. Include resumption and arrears details if required.
Client has not returned	CDA	Suspend CDA from 29 <sup>th</sup> day and make debt recoverable	Add "CDA suspended" note template and refer this to local office	Send ECS "Customs Suspension of Services" letter. MAKE THE CASE RESOLVABLE
	Non bene service	Suspended from FAD:  - Complete BDR for any debt period  Suspended from 29 <sup>th</sup> day: - n/a	Add overpayment note template (if debt established)	No actions required until resolving stage.

# **UPDATING S2P (USER ACTIONS)**

Once AIMOS has been updated, complete the S2P task in the Outcome section. Select the appropriate outcome and then click on Result.



Outcome result	When to use	
Hold	Putting a task on personal hold to work on later	
Client Known	The client is known to you	
Already Actioned	Case has already been actioned	
Case made resolvable and ready to be finalised	You have suspended the CDA	
Follow up required/further information requested	Need to add a date delay for some reason	
Completed – Positive match is wrong person	Information received after screening that the wrong client was matched	
Completed - No Action Taken	<ul> <li>No change to entitlement</li> <li>Payments have been allowed to continue</li> <li>Client returned to NZ on 29<sup>th</sup> day</li> <li>Local office is following up with the absence</li> </ul>	
Completed – Action Taken	<ul> <li>Overpayment Established</li> <li>Client has returned to NZ (File Updated – Referred)</li> <li>Claim Savings</li> </ul>	
Completed - 86(9a) completed	R208 has been completed	
Completed - 86(9a) incomplete	Waiting for batching or SM approval to complete r208	

## RESOLVING

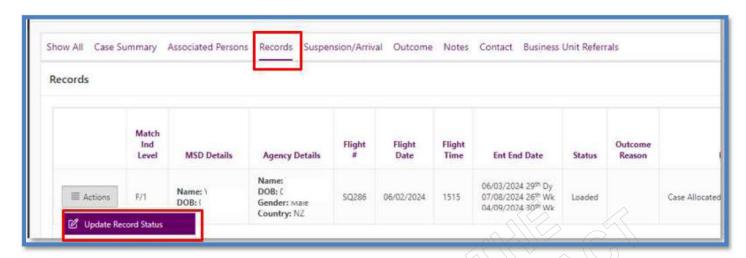
At Resolving stage, the overpayment is recorded in AIMOS and a letter is sent to the client. There are no other actions to take in SWIFTT or CMS as this should have been completed at User Action stage.

A resolving task may also be generated because incoming contact as been received by an IIO who does not process CDA. Apply the User Action process to these cases i.e. if the client has returned to NZ - send the "client has returned" template to the local office and fully outcome AIMOS etc.

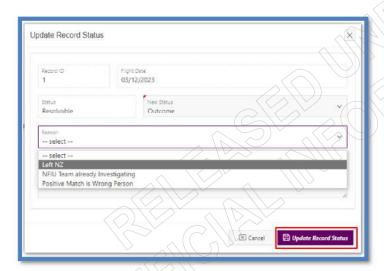
Resolvable cases will come through S2P as a task; as below: Request Information (PID - 41549426) \* Item Data ere IIC - Customs Run M. Multi-Client Name \* Task Details ASC Client Name Task History and Dok Task Notes Employer Name Compensation End Date Trading Name

### **OUTCOME IN AIMOS**

Update the record status in AIMOS to Outcome by clicking the update record status button.



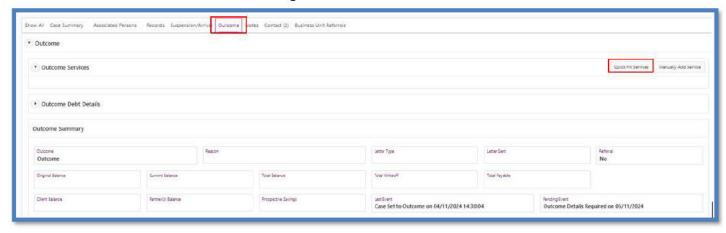
Select the New Status as 'Outcome'. Select a reason from the dropdown options. The options available are as follows including when to use each option.



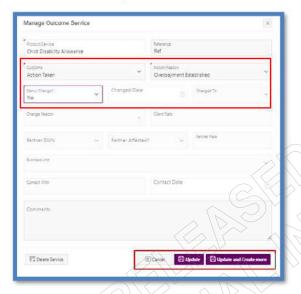
Outcome Reason	When to use
Left NZ	Use for all Outcome cases where you have created
	an Overpayment or will be NFA'ing.
NFIU Investigating	Use where NFIU are investigating the case
Positive Match is	Client has confirmed did not leave NZ and we have
Wrong Person	matched the wrong person.

Click Update Record Status when fields have been updated.

## Click on the Outcome tab and select 'Quick Fill Services' screen



The primary/main service will be prefilled that was loaded for the case. Services can be added or deleted if required.



## Add all services that have been assessed in this case



CDA	Option to choose
Outcome	Action Taken
Action/Reason	Overpayment Established
Status Change?	No

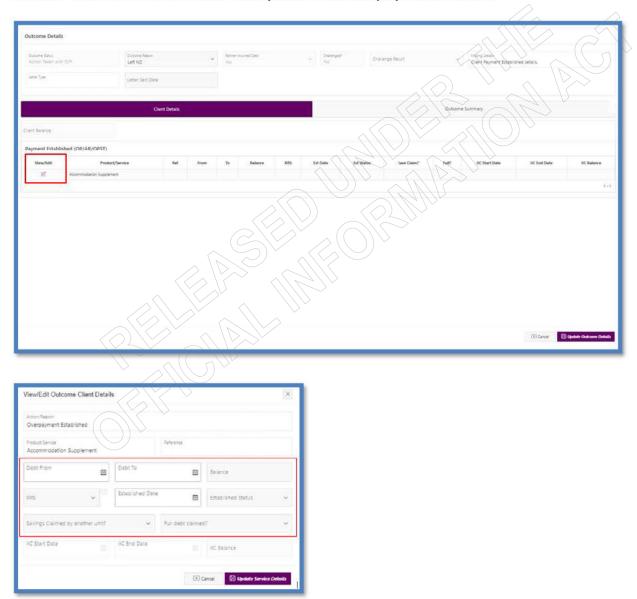
NON BENE SERVICE	Option to choose (O/P created)	Option to choose (No O/P)
Outcome	Action Taken	Action Taken
Action/Reason	Overpayment Established	File Updated
Status Change?	No	No

## Click on the Outcome Details button



For each service that you have recorded the Action Reason of 'Overpayment Established' will need to have the overpayment details added to it.

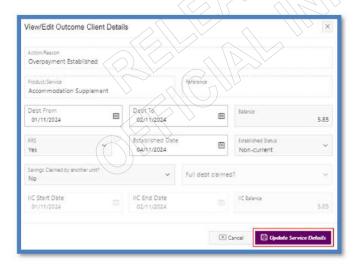
Click on the View Edit button to update the overpayment details



For each service, complete the fields as follows:

From	The start of the overpayment period (includes claimed and IIC established).
То	The last day of the overpayment period (includes claimed and IIC established).
O/P Amt	The total overpayment for the service (includes claimed and IIC established).
RRS?	If the service has had retrospective rate substitution applied, e.g. we have assessed entitlement to the non-beneficiary rate for a supplementary allowance/payment
O/P Est Date	The date of overpayment was established (if there is both claimed and IIC debt, record the NDMC debt established date).
O/P Est Status	The status of the client's payments, non current if not receiving payments.
Sav Claim?	If part or all of the overpayment was established by another business unit other than IIC then this would be Yes, otherwise No.
Full?	If claimed savings is yes then this field must be updated. Select yes if the entire overpayment for the service was established by another business unit.
NDMC From	Where IIC has claimed partial savings enter the start date of the IIC part of the debt.
NDMC To	Where IIC has claimed partial savings enter the end date of the NDMC part of the debt.
NDMC O/P Amount	Where IIC has claimed partial savings enter the amount of the IIC part of the debt.

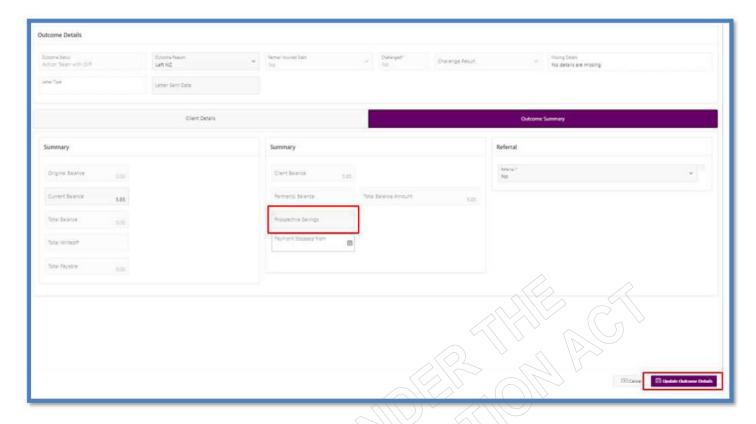
## Next click on Update Service Details



Update offset details in AIMOS if you have added an offset to the clients payments.

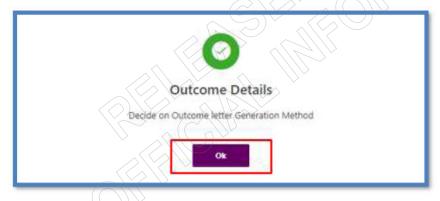
If there are any prospective savings, click on the **Outcome Summary** tab and enter the prospective savings.

### IN-CONFIDENCE

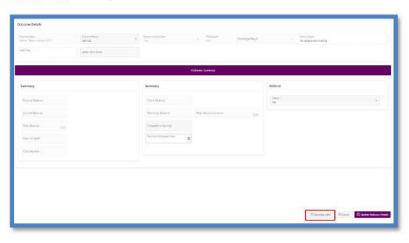


Once all details have been added click on Update Outcome Details.

If the Outcome details have been completed, a window will appear requesting you to complete the letter generation details.

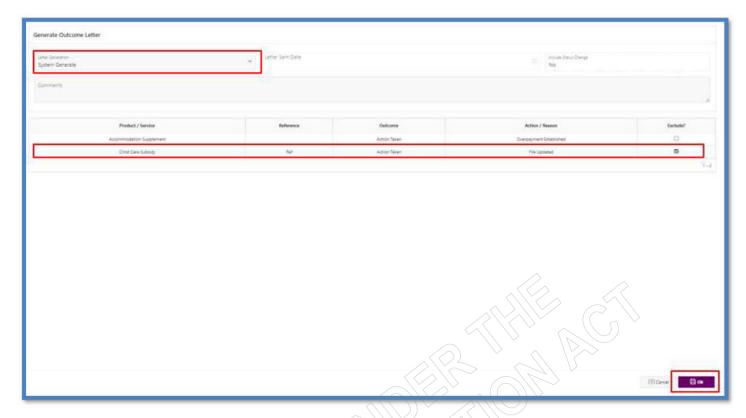


## Click OK



Click Generate Letter

## IN-CONFIDENCE



If you have established an overpayment, in the 'Letter Generation' field, click on the down arrow button and select 'System Letter'.

Tick Exclude for any services you haven't established an overpayment for.

Click OK.

## CDA LETTER EXAMPLES

### **Initial letter**

Integrity Intervention Centre, Freepost 4274 PO Box 30 091 Lower Hutt 5040 \* Telephone 0800 909 333 \* Fax 0800 906 888

11 July 2022

Carterton 5713

Client Number: Case ID:

#### Těná koe

I'm getting in touch because New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) let us know about your recent travel.

MSD and Customs share information to make sure our information is up to date and we give you the right services.

The information we have from Customs shows you left New Zealand on 09/06/2022 on flight number NZ8.

#### Let us know if we've made a mistake

If this information is wrong, please contact us within 10 working days of the date of this letter. We'll be able to correct this for you.

#### You can:

- call us on 0800 909 333 (+64 9 307 0172 from overseas). Our opening hours are over the page. When you call, we'll ask for your client number, which is 365-846-486 or
- · answer the questions at the end of this letter and send them back to us.

We'll review your payments to make sure we have paid you the right amount. If we find we've paid you too much, you'll have to pay this money back. We'll let you know if you owe us any money.

#### Talk with us

If you don't think we have this right or there's something you don't understand, please call us – we can usually fix it over the phone.

#### We're here to help

We're here to help so please feel free to get in touch, or visit our website for more information. Our details are on the back.



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## Suspension letter

Integrity Intervention Centre, Freepost 4274 PO Box 30 091 Lower Hutt 5040 \* Telephone 0800 909 333 \* Fax 0800 906 888

9 June 2022

Onerahi Whangarei 0110 Client Number: Case ID:

#### Těnă koe

I'm getting in touch to let you know we've had to stop your payments for now. This is because of the length of time you've been out of the country.

The information we have from Customs shows you left on 22/04/2022 on flight number LA800 and have not returned.

We have stopped the following payment/s:

Child Disability Allowance from 21/05/2022

If you still need our help, get in touch when you're back in the country. If you still qualify, we can start these payments again from the date you return. We may be able to start your payments earlier, depending on your reason for being overseas.

#### Let us know if we've made a mistake

If you think this information is wrong, contact us as soon as possible.

You can call us on 0800 909 333 (+64 9 307 0172 from overseas). You'll find our opening hours over the page. When you call, we'll ask you for your client number which is 400-376-851.

#### Talk with us

If you don't think we have this right or there's something you don't understand, please call us – we can usually fix it over the phone.

You also have the right to ask us to review this decision formally. You can use the form on our website or you can write to us. You need to do this within three months. If it's after that, please get in touch anyway. If you have a good reason why you couldn't ask us earlier, we may still be able to review the decision for you. Visit workandincome.govt.nz/rights for more information.

## **Resolving letter**

Integrity Intervention Centre, Freepost 4274, PO Box 30 091, Lower Hutt 5040 \*Phone 0800 909 333 \*Fax 0800 906 888

20 June 2022

Onerahi

Whangarei 0110

Client Number: Case ID:

#### Těnā koe

We always want to make sure we get it right for people so we recently reviewed your payments after we found you'd left the country on 22/04/2022 on flight number LA800.

We wrote to you about this on 24/05/2022 and I'm getting back in touch to let you know we paid you too much.

#### You need to pay some money back

From 21/05/2022 to 31/05/2022, unfortunately you received money from us you didn't qualify for because you were overseas.

Service Amount overpaid

Child Disability Allowance \$82.96

Total Overpayment \$82.96

We have stopped your payments and you will need to pay back the money you owe.

### Ways you can pay

Internet or phone banking

- · Account name: Work and Income Debtors Account
- Account Reference: 03-0049-0006243-025
- Reference: Put 'D' followed by your 9 digit client number. You can find this at the top of this letter.

Online using your card

Visit www.workandincome.govt.nz. You can pay using a debit or credit card. However, we don't want you to get into more debt by paying off your debt with us by