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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2024, requesting copies of monthly benefit update commentary for October and November 2024.

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

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist. I can confirm that the Ministry no longer produces the Monthly Benefits Update A3 and Commentary as of October 2024. The monthly data file, which provides updated benefit numbers is still regularly published on the Ministry's website. The latest figures are available at the following link:

[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/monthly-reporting/](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/monthly-reporting/)

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

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