



9 July 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2025, requesting information about what the United Kingdom exchange rate was that the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) obtained from Westpac in January 2016.

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

I advise that the exchange rate from Westpac that the Ministry used to convert UK pensions into New Zealand dollars for January 2016 was:

December-15	2.23910000	30/12/2015	26/01/2016
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I am advised that the rate of 2.2391 applied from 30 December 2015 to 26 January 2016. The rate applied to two paydays of New Zealand Superannuation that were paid in January 2016 (on 12 January and 26 January 2016).

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

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

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

Ngā mihi nui

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