

21 March 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your emails of 13 and 20 February 2025, requesting a demographic breakdown of clients receiving Disability Support Services (DSS) funding.

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

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** for data on people who have received EMS or housing modification funding and data on people who have received DSS funding between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024. This support funds a diverse range of services through contracted providers and Enabling Good Lives sites. More information on this funding can be found here:

www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/providers/equipment-and-modification-services

Please note that your request for a breakdown on whether funding has been provided to a disabled person or their carer is refused in full under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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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