



25 March 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2025, requesting the following information:

- 1. As of December 31, 2024, please provide the ages of children dependent on benefits broken into one-year age bands*
- 2. Please provide the same data by benefit type, including non-working age benefits*
- 3. Please provide the same data by ethnicity*

Please provide equivalent data at December 31, 2019

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** for a breakdown of the data you have requested.

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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