

5 May 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 2 April 2025, requesting a breakdown of Jobseeker Support (JS) applications in the last 5 years, by gender, approval, and decline reason.

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

Please see the attached **Appendix** for the number of Jobseeker Support grants and declines from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024.

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 <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.</u>

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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