

7 November 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2025, requesting the following information:

- 1. The same information for each NZ region in which a Regional Commissioner and Regional Contracts manager is located.*
- 2. The information for the same period as that provided in the attached response (2020-2024).*
- 3. Please also provide total national information (contracts and amounts allocated).*

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

The attached **Appendices** provides you with the information requested.

**Appendix One** provides you with the following:

Under tab heading '**Main Benefits**'

- Table One: The number of clients aged 16-24 in receipt of financial support as at month end June for the years 2020-2024, broken down by region.
- Table Two: The number of clients aged 16-24 in receipt of supplementary assistance as at month end June for the years 2020-2024, broken down by region.

Under the tab heading '**NEET**'

- The number of NEET recipients as at month end June for the years 2020 to 2024, broken down by region

As mentioned in the previous response, the NEET service is a voluntary program designed to support young people who are Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) or are at risk of becoming NEET. Its aim is to help young people re-engage in education, achieve qualifications, and transition into further education or employment.

A young person is not required to take part in the service and once they are enrolled can stop participating in the service at any time. Generally, the NEET

service is for 16 or 17 year olds who are not in school, training or work, or are at school or training but are at risk of dropping out.

15-year-olds can also participate if they have left school with an early leaving exemption. Further information about the NEET service can be found here on the youth service website: <https://www.youthservice.govt.nz/education-and-work/neet>

**Appendix Two** provides you with Ministry funded educational providers for the years 2020 to 2024 by regional contracts for each Ministry region, excluding Northland and Bay of Plenty as this information was provided to you previously.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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