



16 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2025, requesting information about data on the Amputee Travel Assistance Programme including funding and grants paid.

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

Please note that the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) holds information about Civil Amputee Assistance. We have interpreted your request in the context of Civil Amputee Assistance. You can read more about Civil Amputee Assistance at the following link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/civilian-amputee-assistance.html

Please see the attached **Appendix** which provides the following tables that we have identified as within scope of your request:

- **Table One:** The number of applications (grants and declines) for Civil Amputee Assistance payments in the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, by former District Health Board (DHB) region and application outcome.
- **Table Two:** The number of grants and amount approved for Civil Amputee Assistance payments in the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, by former DHB region.

You have also requested for the Amputee Travel Assistance Program for 2024/25 to be broken down by mileage, accommodation, flights and taxi. These parts of your request are refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as substantial manual collation would be required to collate this information. If held, this information would only be contained within individual client files, which would each require manual review to respond to your request. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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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