



20 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2025, requesting information about Special Needs Grants for dental treatment.

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

- *The number of Special Needs Grants for dental treatment provided in the two years prior to the value increase in December 2022. So from December 2020 to December 2022.*
 - *That figure broken down by month, and by region*
 - *The total value in grants, given out in this period - also broken down by month, and by region*

Please see the **Appendix** attached, which contains two tables that outline the number and amount of Non-Recoverable Special Needs Grants for Emergency Dental Care paid from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2022, broken down by month, Ministry of Social Development region and Territorial Local Authority (TLA).

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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