



23 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2025 requesting information about the numbers of electricity and food assistance granted, declined and amount granted for July and August 2025.

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

Please find **Appendix One** attached, which contains the following tables:

- **Table One:** Number of hardship applications for food and electricity assistance during the months of July and August 2025, by need type and application outcome.
- **Table Two:** Amount granted for food and electricity assistance during the months of July and August 2025, by need type and application outcome.

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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