



2 March 2026

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2026, requesting information about Apprenticeship Boost from the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

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

- *Jobseeker Data: The number of individuals currently receiving Jobseeker Support who have identified "Construction" or a related trade as their previous industry or primary occupation.*

There were 39,570 of working age Jobseeker Support clients as at the end of January 2026, who declared construction, mining laborers, or trades worker as their previous occupation.

Please note, this number includes working age clients only (18-64 years) and data relating to previous occupations is based solely on clients' self-declarations.

This figure has been random rounded to base three in line with the Ministry's confidentiality policy.

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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