



12 March 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2026, requesting the number of clients who received a Steps to Freedom grant who also received Housing Support Products or other assistance.

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

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which provides the following tables:

- **Table One:** The number of clients, number of grants and amount granted of Steps to Freedom grant and other assistance from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025
- **Table Two:** The number of clients with Steps to Freedom grants.

Please note that Housing Support Products exclude emergency housing related grants. However, some emergency housing related grants will be represented in the *other assistance grants* category. Please let us know if you are seeking emergency housing related grant information specifically and we will consider your request.

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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