



17 March 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2026, requesting information about the status of the Social Security Agreement between Hungary and New Zealand.

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

1. Whether the Hungary–New Zealand Social Security Agreement is currently in force

An agreement between New Zealand and Hungary on Social Security is currently being negotiated.

2. If not yet in force, what the current status of negotiations is.

It is expected that the negotiations will be finalised in the first half of 2026.

3. Whether past periods of residence or contributions in Hungary and New Zealand may be totalised in the future under this agreement.

We are unable to disclose details of the Agreement while the negotiations are ongoing. This part of your request is refused under section 6(a) of the Act where making available that information would be likely to prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

4. Where official updates about this agreement are published.

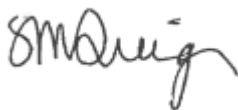
Official updates about international agreements are published on the New Zealand Treaties Online website, which you can find at the following link: www.treaties.mfat.govt.nz/search/details/p/144/630.

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 regarding the Hungary-New Zealand Social Security Agreement, 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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