



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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On 25 October 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The number of persons receiving payment of NZS in Australia for the latest available year.*
- *The number of former NZ residents retired in Australia and otherwise eligible for NZS, but who receive nothing because of the Assets and Income Tests applying to NZS portable payments under the 2001 SSA.*
- *The number of former Australian residents who are retired in NZ who are receiving payments of the Australian Age Pension here (and the total amount paid).*

Table one below provides you with the number of people living in Australia who are receiving New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) broken down by the weekly amount and the annualised amount.

**Table one: Number of NZS clients living in Australia and the weekly and annualised amounts of NZS paid:**

Number	Weekly amount (in NZ\$)	Annualised amount (in NZ\$)
42,414	\$5,417,833.00	\$281,727,305.00

Table two below provides you with the number of clients who are in receipt of NZS living in New Zealand who are in receipt of an Australian Pension and the annualised amount.

**Table two: Number of clients on NZS in receipt of an overseas pension from Australia and annualised amount paid:**

Number	Annualised amount (in NZ\$)
15,540	\$ 63,630,864.00

Your request for the number of former New Zealand residents retired in Australia and otherwise eligible for NZS, but who receive nothing because of the Assets and Income Tests applying to NZS portable payments, is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act. The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

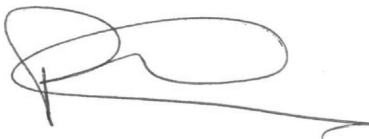
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response regarding the NZS information with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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