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Dear

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

- *Statistics of ages and gender of the people currently (or the latest stats) on the job seekers benefit at these WINZ offices, and also last year's stats? (Or if that is not possible in the Tauranga or Western Bay of Plenty Region?)*
 - *Greerton*
 - *Mount Maunganui*
 - *Tauranga*
 - *Te Puke*
 - *Waihi*

Jobseeker Support is for people who can usually look or prepare for work. It also includes people who can only work part-time or cannot look for work at the moment, for example because they have a health condition, injury or disability. Jobseeker Support is a temporary full-time work focused benefit.

To receive Jobseeker Support on the grounds of a health condition, injury or disability, the client must be:

- limited in their capacity or unable to work full-time due to a health condition, injury or disability or in employment but because of a health condition, injury or disability cannot work or can only work at a reduced level.

To support their application for Jobseeker Support, the client will need to:

- provide a medical certificate from a medical practitioner (or dentist, midwife or nurse practitioner where relevant) and
- if required, complete a Self-Assessment and if required, attend an appointment with a designated doctor.

Work and Income will consider all information provided by the client, including information contained in the application form, client self-assessment, medical certificate and discussion with the client, to determine the client's work ability, benefit eligibility and obligations. Further information can be accessed here:

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/health-and-disability/>

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/jobseeker-support.html>

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/jobseeker-support/index.html>

Please find enclosed one table providing the number of working age Jobseeker Support clients as at the end of March 2015 and 2016, broken down by selected service centres, age and gender. Please note that this information is reported as at a point in time (March 2015 and March 2016).

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 and attachments 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.

I hope you find this information regarding Jobseeker Support helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely



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Number of working age Jobseeker Support clients as at the end of March 2015 and 2016, by selected service centres, gender and age

Service Centre		Mar-15			Mar-16		
	Age	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Greerton	18-19	52	38	90	41	14	55
	20-24	86	130	216	52	105	157
	25-29	44	65	109	53	75	128
	30-34	29	55	84	44	52	96
	35-39	34	53	87	39	64	103
	40-44	60	65	125	58	41	99
	45-49	64	69	133	55	70	125
	50-54	72	73	145	72	71	143
	55-59	58	50	108	57	51	108
	60-64	85	51	136	77	55	132
Greerton Total		584	649	1,233	548	598	1,146
Mount Maunganui	18-19	37	42	79	26	31	57
	20-24	72	113	185	59	103	162
	25-29	37	69	106	44	63	107
	30-34	33	55	88	37	50	87
	35-39	33	56	89	30	47	77
	40-44	58	59	117	40	58	98
	45-49	74	59	133	64	44	108
	50-54	84	64	148	73	44	117
	55-59	75	65	140	75	59	134
	60-64	78	53	131	81	50	131
Mount Maunganui Total		581	635	1,216	529	549	1,078
Tauranga	18-19	44	31	75	37	23	60
	20-24	76	98	174	78	92	170
	25-29	57	91	148	45	76	121
	30-34	34	85	119	28	75	103
	35-39	40	71	111	37	62	99
	40-44	66	81	147	56	83	139
	45-49	90	89	179	68	84	152
	50-54	106	102	208	79	89	168
	55-59	98	85	183	98	70	168
	60-64	118	94	212	117	72	189
Tauranga Total		729	827	1,556	643	726	1,369
Te Puke	18-19	5	5	23	5	5	11
	20-24	19	21	40	15	15	30
	25-29	7	12	19	12	24	36
	30-34	12	15	27	9	17	26
	35-39	5	5	21	5	5	26
	40-44	13	19	32	13	14	27

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	45-49	19	26	45	11	31	42
	50-54	34	34	68	22	32	54
	55-59	21	17	38	33	24	57
	60-64	31	30	61	25	28	53
Te Puke Total		179	195	374	150	212	362
Waihi	18-19	S	S	32	16	13	29
	20-24	23	43	66	20	41	61
	25-29	17	18	35	13	31	44
	30-34	10	22	32	11	26	37
	35-39	S	S	24	9	22	31
	40-44	19	33	52	19	26	45
	45-49	27	35	62	31	30	61
	50-54	27	25	52	32	27	59
	55-59	19	28	47	32	33	65
	60-64	31	22	53	29	21	50
Waihi Total		194	261	455	212	270	482

Notes:

- Tables include working age clients only (18-64)
- Clients with expired or suspended benefits are excluded
- "S" indicates a suppressed value to protect clients' privacy