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Dear

On 31 January 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Figures for the financial year 2015/16 for the number of constituents in the following constituencies that had Section 70 applied to their overseas government pensions and the combined total amount deducted from their entitlements to New Zealand Superannuation. If you cannot supply the exact figures, as close as possible will be accepted. Helensville. East coast. Upper Harbour: Nelson and Ohariu.*

Please find enclosed the following table that shows the total number of Section 70 deductions for clients with a current New Zealand Superannuation and weekly amount deducted, by Work and Income regions requested, for financial year ending June 2016.

Region	Total deductions	Amount deducted
Auckland Metro	24,346	\$1,807,636.97
East Coast	3,581	\$284,680.46
Nelson	4,369	\$375,877.92
Wellington	5,846	\$409,509.20

The Work and Income website has a list of the areas included within each region, which is available here: <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/about-work-and-income/contact-us/find-a-service-centre/index.html>

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 to the wider public shortly. 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 Section 70 deductions with us, please feel free to contact QIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Bound', written in a cursive style.

Ruth Bound
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