



**14 SEP 2020**

Tēnā koe

On 9 September 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The number of OIA requests your organization has received from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union over the last three years;*
- *What percentage of the total number of OIA requests received by your organization over the same three year period is represented by requests from the NZ Taxpayers' Union.*

I can confirm that the Ministry has received a total of 27 requests for information from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union under the Act for the period between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020.

The Ministry has received a total of 1749 requests for information made under the Act for the period between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020. Therefore, during this period, approximately 1.5 percent of all requests were received from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union.

Direct enquiries from news media organisations made to the Ministry media team are considered OIA requests and are typically responded to within 24 to 48 hours. These media requests are not recorded in the same system and therefore have not been included in the figures above. Note that where a media request cannot be answered within 24 to 48 hours, the media team will transfer the OIA into the formal OIA process to be responded to within 20 working days. Media transfers to the formal OIA process have been included in the figures above.

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 available to the wider public. 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 with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Official Information Act requests, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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