



1 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2025, requesting information about the numbers of electricity and food assistance granted, declined and amount granted for June 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find attached **Appendix One** containing the following tables:

Table One: Number of hardship applications for food and electricity assistance during the month of June 2025 by need type and application outcome.

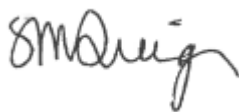
Table Two: Amount granted for food and electricity assistance during the month of June 2025 by need type and application outcome.

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, 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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Appendix One

Table One: Number of hardship applications for food and electricity assistance during the month of June 2025 by need type and application outcome.

Need Type	Application Outcome		Total
	Declined	Granted	
Electricity	360	2,433	2,793
Food	6,426	94,692	101,118

Table Two: Amount granted for food and electricity assistance during the month of June 2025 by need type and application outcome.

Need Type	Amount Granted
Electricity	\$1,153,524.85
Food	\$9,245,857.93

Table Notes:

- This is a count of grants and declines, not clients. A client can have more than one grant or decline in the time period.
- Hardship includes Special Needs Grants (SNG), Benefit Advances (ADV) and Recoverable Assistance Payments (RAP).
- Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
- To protect confidentiality, the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.