



14 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for refining your request for information on 16 July 2025. In your refined request, you agreed to receive the total number of Out of School Care and Recreational Subsidy (OSCAR) applications in the last 5 years.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please refer to Tab 1 in the attached **Appendix** which contains the information you have requested.

In the interests of providing you with the most helpful information, I have also provided information on all OSCAR provider grant funding (this excludes the amount of OSCAR subsidies paid) for the last 5 financial years. OSCAR providers can apply for this grant to help with their operating costs. Please refer to Tab 2 of the attached Appendix which contains this information.

I anticipate that you will also be interested in the amount spent on Out of School Care and Recreation Programmes. If you would like more information on this, I recommend you visit the following link: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/corporate/annual-report/. Please refer to 'Statement of Budgeted and Actual Expenses and Capital Expenditure' and 'Out of School Care and Recreation Programmes' specifically. Please also note, this includes both holiday programmes, after school care and before school care as the Ministry cannot separate these payments.

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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Anna Graham

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