



3 June 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2025, requesting a breakdown of needs assessments performed by NASCs in 2024 and 2025, broken down by quarter.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

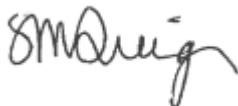
Please find this information in Table One in the **Appendix** below. Please note that needs assessments do not necessarily have outcomes, rather a client's eligibility to Disability Support Services (DSS) is determined following a referral and prior to a needs assessment. In some cases, clients exit prior to their initial needs assessment but after eligibility has been established.

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

Table One:

Financial Year	Quarter	Quarter Start	Quarter End	Needs Assessments Completed	Exits
FY23-24	Q1	1 July 2023	30 September 2023	1,943	19
FY23-24	Q2	1 October 2023	31 December 2023	2,014	13
FY23-24	Q3	1 January 2024	31 March 2024	1,980	15
FY23-24	Q4	1 April 2024	30 June 2024	2,173	23
FY24-25	Q1	1 July 2024	30 September 2024	2,074	35
FY24-25	Q2	1 October 2024	31 December 2024	1,664	26
FY24-25	Q3	1 January 2025	31 March 2025	1,326	26