



10 June 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2025, requesting information about food grants in Southland and whether those food grants cover meat.

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

- *Number of family's/ people requiring emergency food grants.*

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** for the number of clients, number of grants and amount of Food grants in Southland District Territorial Local Authority from 1 January 2025 to 30 April 2025.

- *Any information on what % of there weekly food is used up in buying meat.*
- *And any information about the venison that been done in the pass. Aa in how many kgs in total and how many family's/ people receive that meat. And how long did it last for. As in when they started handing it out and number of day to they ran out of meat to hand out.*

I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request for information about food grants in Southland and whether those food grants cover meat., 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.

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