



9 January 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2025, requesting a breakdown of assistance paid in the period 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2025, by nationality, residency status and payment type.

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 the information requested in the attached **Appendix**: Breakdown of assistance paid in the period 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2025, by nationality, residency status and payment type.

Some information in the attached **Appendix** has been marked as 'S'. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in the information.

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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