



15 April 2026

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2026, requesting information about the number of individuals returning to main benefit within three months of exiting from 2020 to 2025.

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

Please refer to the **Appendix** which provides the following tables:

- **Table One:** The number of working age main benefit cancellations from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, by calendar month and if they returned within 91 days
- **Table Two:** The number of working age main benefit cancellations from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, who were re-granted a benefit in 91 days or less, by calendar month and reason for grant.

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, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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