



17 February 2026

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2026, requesting information about the number of disabled people who have received the Flexi-Wage Subsidy, including the average value and total value.

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

Flexi-wage can constitute a variety of products. It can be paid in form of a Wage Subsidy or a Self-Employment Start-Up Grant. You can read more about Flexi-wage here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/flexi-wage.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/flexi-wage.html)

Please see the below **Appendix**, detailing the number of approved Flexi-Wage contracts, distinct clients, median and total amount approved for Jobseeker Support and Supported Living Payment with Health Condition and Disability between 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025, by year.

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.

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**Appendix:** Number of approved Flexi-Wage contracts, distinct clients, median and total amount approved for Jobseeker Support and Supported Living Payment with Health Condition and Disability between 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025, by year.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of contracts</b>	<b>Distinct clients</b>	<b>Median Amount Approved</b>	<b>Total Amount Approved</b>
<b>2023</b>	906	882	\$6,624.00	\$7,223,244.68
<b>2024</b>	672	648	\$7,080.00	\$6,044,113.55
<b>2025</b>	639	624	\$5,729.02	\$4,974,856.24

**General Notes:**

- This includes only approved Flexi-Wage subsidy contracts.
- This includes clients of all ages.
- This includes only clients receiving Jobseeker Support or Supported Living Payment with a Health and Disability conditions.
- A client may have more than one approved Flexi-Wage contract within the period.
- These numbers are correct as at 11 February 2026 but may change over time.

**Confidentiality Notes:**

- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.