



8 June 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2026, requesting a quarterly breakdown of assistance paid to people over 50 since 1 October 2024.

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

Please see the attached **Appendix** for the following:

- **Table One:** Number of Accommodation Supplement recipients who are aged 50 years old and older as at each quarter end from December 2024 to March 2026
- **Table Two:** Number of Recoverable Assistance Payments granted for clients aged 50 years old and older from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2026
- **Table Three:** Number of Special Needs Grants granted for clients aged 50 years old and older from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2026
- **Table Four:** Number of Special Needs Grants, without Emergency Housing, for clients aged 50 years old and older granted from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2026

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.

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