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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2026, requesting the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry)'s 2025 Child Poverty research and annual reports.

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

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available. I can advise that the 2025 Child Poverty Report will be published in July 2026 on the Ministry's website, here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/child-wellbeing-and-poverty-reduction/reporting.html.

The most recent child poverty statistics (different to the Ministry's child poverty report) are for 2024/25 and were released by Statistics NZ in February this year and are available on their website, at: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/child-poverty-statistics-year-ended-june-2025/>.

The most recent Child and Youth Strategy annual reports are for 2024/25 and were released in April this year. The two annual reports for 2024/25 are available at: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/child-youth-wellbeing/reports/annual-report-on-the-child-and-youth-strategy-and-the-child-poverty-related-indicators-2024-25.pdf

www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/child-youth-wellbeing/reports/annual-report-on-the-child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy-and-previous-child-poverty-related-indicators-2024-25.pdf.

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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