



22 July 2026

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2026, requesting information about a breakdown of New Zealand Superannuation recipients in the last 10 financial years, by ordinarily resident duration, and previous tax contribution.

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

- *For each of the last ten completed fiscal years (years ended 30 June), please provide the following. Where a calendar-year breakdown is held more readily than fiscal year, I am happy to receive whichever is available.*
- *Question 1. The number of people receiving New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of each year who first became ordinarily resident in New Zealand at age 50 or older (or, if MSD records this differently, who first arrived to live in New Zealand at age 50 or older).*
- *Question 2. Of the number in (1), how many qualified for NZ Super by relying on a Social Security Agreement with another country and/or on residence in a New Zealand realm country (Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau), broken down by country where held.*
- *Question 3. The total NZ Super expenditure attributable to the group in (1), expressed both gross and net of tax if available, for each year.*

These parts of your request are responded to in the attached **Appendix** which provides the following tables:

- **Table One:** New Zealand Superannuation clients who were 50 years or older at immigration date as at the end of December 2014 to end of December 2025, by country of birth
- **Table Two:** New Zealand Superannuation clients who were 50 years or older at immigration date as at the end of December 2014 to end of December 2025, by agreement and country of birth
- **Table Three:** New Zealand Superannuation clients who were 50 years or older at immigration date as at the end of December 2014 to end of December 2025, by country of birth and summation of payment rates.

- *Question 4. In the alternative to any tax-related information below: any data MSD holds indicating, for the group in (1), prior New Zealand tax or contribution history. I understand NZ Super is non-contributory and that this information may not be held by MSD; if so, please advise, and if it is held by Inland Revenue please consider transferring this limb of my request.*

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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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