



11 May 2026

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2026, requesting information about the distribution of Dental Special Needs Grant payments. You requested:

- *For each financial year from 2019/20 to the most recent available, please provide the number of Dental Special Needs Grants approved within the following value bands:*
  - *\$0–\$100*
  - *\$101–\$200*
  - *\$201–\$300*
  - *\$301–\$400*
  - *\$401–\$500*
  - *\$501–\$600*
  - *\$601–\$700*
  - *\$701–\$800*
  - *\$801–\$900*
  - *\$901–\$1,000*

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

Please find attached **Appendix One** detailing the number of Emergency Dental Special Needs Grants from 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2025, by financial year and amount granted.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written in a cursive style.

Anna Graham  
**General Manager**  
**Ministerial and Executive Services**