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Dear Shahil

On 9 April 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

1. *The total number of permanent resident visa holders who had received superannuation payments between 2000-2018*
2. *A breakdown of the country of origin for permanent resident visa holders who had received superannuation payments between 2000-2018*
3. *The total cost the government had spent annually between 2000-2018 for permanent resident visa holders receiving superannuation payments.*
4. *The total number of non-qualified partners who had received NZ superannuation payments and including the country of origin of non-qualified partners between 2000-2018*

You will find enclosed three tables which address questions one, two and four of your request. Due to the evolving nature of clients' situations, the Ministry reports data at a point in time. The data provided in the enclosed tables is at 31 December 2018.

Please note that the residency status of those on New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) is not always an accurate record. This can be due to the fact that a client started receiving NZS before the Ministry started reporting residency status in the early 2000s, or because a client's residency status has changed since they initially applied for NZS. In these situations, clients' records would only be updated if they specifically informed the Ministry of these changes.

In order to protect client privacy, values in the tables fewer than six are suppressed. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information. Instead, these figures are provided as an 'other' category at the bottom of table two and three. The countries included in this category are specified in the notes below each table.

In order to provide you with the information requested in question three of your request: *The total cost the government had spent annually between 2000-2018 for permanent resident visa holders receiving superannuation payments*, the Ministry would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair the Ministry's

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ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of the Ministry's resources. Your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as it requires substantial collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 this response about permanent residents who receive New Zealand Superannuation payments, 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.

Yours sincerely



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Table one: New Zealand Superannuation clients with Permanent Residence, as at 31 December 2018

| Immigration status | Number of clients |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Permanent Resident | 68,136 |

Table two: Country of origin for New Zealand superannuation clients with Permanent Residence, as at 31 December 2018

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Not held | 2 |
| Afghanistan | 71 |
| Argentina | 28 |
| Australia | 2,798 |
| Austria | 123 |
| Bangladesh | 24 |
| Barbados | 26 |
| Belarus | 7 |
| Belgium | 41 |
| Bermuda | 9 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 9 |
| Brazil | 15 |
| Brunei | 10 |
| Bulgaria | 17 |
| Cambodia | 308 |
| Canada | 542 |
| Chile | 75 |
| China, People's Republic of | 5,541 |
| Colombia | 10 |
| Cook Islands | 349 |
| Croatia | 83 |
| Cyprus | 21 |
| Czechoslovakia | 50 |
| Denmark | 174 |
| Egypt | 79 |
| Eritrea | 6 |
| Ethiopia | 20 |
| Falkland Islands | 16 |
| Fiji | 2,354 |
| Finland | 29 |
| France | 68 |
| French Polynesia | 14 |
| Germany | 819 |

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|---|--------------------------|
| Greece | 136 |
| Guernsey | 41 |
| Guyana | 11 |
| Hong Kong | 422 |
| Hungary | 83 |
| India | 2,539 |
| Indonesia | 314 |
| Iran | 113 |
| Iraq | 248 |
| Ireland | 684 |
| Isle of Man | 36 |
| Israel | 14 |
| Italy | 129 |
| Jamaica | 16 |
| Japan | 339 |
| Jersey | 25 |
| Jordan | 10 |
| Kazakhstan | 10 |
| Kenya | 106 |
| Kiribati | 26 |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic | 166 |
| Korea, Republic of | 768 |
| Laos | 29 |
| Latvia | 12 |
| Lebanon | 26 |
| Lithuania | 6 |
| Macau | 19 |
| Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic | 15 |
| Malawi | 12 |
| Malaysia | 1,010 |
| Malta | 37 |
| Mauritius | 15 |
| Mexico | 6 |
| Moldova, Republic of | 7 |
| Morocco | 7 |
| Myanmar, Union of (Burma) | 47 |
| Namibia | 10 |
| Nepal | 9 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 29 |
| New Caledonia | 7 |

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| New Zealand | 3,961 |
| Nigeria | 14 |
| Niue | 145 |
| Norway | 30 |
| Pakistan | 85 |
| Palestinian Territory, Occupied | 9 |
| Papua New Guinea | 14 |
| Peru | 18 |
| Philippines | 596 |
| Poland | 105 |
| Portugal | 12 |
| Romania | 70 |
| Russian Federation | 249 |
| Samoa, American | 81 |
| Samoa, Western | 3,795 |
| Serbia | 6 |
| Singapore | 225 |
| Slovakia | 6 |
| Slovenia | 7 |
| Soloman Islands | 7 |
| Somalia | 25 |
| South Africa, Republic of | 1,709 |
| Spain | 18 |
| Sri Lanka | 431 |
| Sudan | 7 |
| Sweden | 61 |
| Switzerland | 130 |
| Syria | 21 |
| Taiwan | 378 |
| Tanzania | 29 |
| Thailand | 187 |
| Tokelau | 65 |
| Tonga | 2,316 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 15 |
| Turkey | 12 |
| Tuvalu | 84 |
| Uganda | 14 |
| Ukraine | 96 |
| United Kingdom | 26,875 |
| United States of America | 857 |

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Uruguay | 7 |
| Vietnam | 221 |
| Yugoslavia | 191 |
| Zambia | 53 |
| Zimbabwe | 263 |
| the Netherlands | 3,194 |
| Other | 165 |
| Total | 68,136 |

Note:

- 'Other' includes countries whose numbers would otherwise be suppressed under 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- The following countries are captured in this category: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Aruba, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Botswana, British Indian Ocean Territory, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Old Kingdom), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Iceland, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nauru, Norfolk Islands, Panama, Pitcairn, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, St Helena, St Lucia, St Vincent, Suriname, Swaziland, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican City State, Venezuela, Virgin Islands (British), Wallis and Futuna, Western Sahara, Yemen- Arab Republic.

Table three: Non-Qualified partners who receive New Zealand Superannuation, by country of origin, as at 31 December 2018

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 48 |
| Australia | 154 |
| Bangladesh | 13 |
| Brazil | 6 |
| Cambodia | 118 |
| Canada | 20 |
| China, People's Republic of | 744 |
| Cook Islands | 134 |
| Croatia | 9 |
| Egypt | 15 |
| Fiji | 412 |
| Germany | 48 |
| Hong Kong | 88 |
| India | 390 |
| Indonesia | 37 |
| Iran | 23 |
| Iraq | 71 |
| Ireland | 14 |
| Japan | 31 |
| Kenya | 9 |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic | 33 |
| Korea, Republic of | 211 |
| Laos | 19 |
| Malaysia | 80 |
| Myanmar, Union of (Burma) | 13 |
| New Zealand | 7,606 |
| Niue | 35 |
| Pakistan | 20 |
| Papua New Guinea | 6 |
| Philippines | 330 |
| Russian Federation | 53 |
| Samoa, American | 17 |
| Samoa, Western | 621 |
| Singapore | 32 |
| Somalia | 8 |
| South Africa, Republic of | 114 |
| Sri Lanka | 69 |
| Switzerland | 7 |

| Country of origin | Number of clients |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Syria | 9 |
| Taiwan | 109 |
| Thailand | 137 |
| Tokelau | 25 |
| Tonga | 288 |
| Tuvalu | 18 |
| Ukraine | 12 |
| United Kingdom | 588 |
| United States of America | 27 |
| Vietnam | 64 |
| Yugoslavia | 13 |
| Zambia | 7 |
| Zimbabwe | 13 |
| the Netherlands | 65 |
| Other | 135 |
| Total | 13,168 |

Note:

- 'Other' includes countries whose numbers would otherwise be suppressed under 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- The following countries are captured in this category: Algeria, Anguilla, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, British Indian Ocean Territory, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Isle of Man, Italy, Jamaica, Jersey, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Macau, Macedonia- The Former Yugoslav Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Peru, Pitcairn, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.