



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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11 FEB 2020

Adam Ward

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Dear Adam Ward

On 6 January 2020 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

1. *AS data set specifying the number of people claiming the following types of benefits by 2017 Area Unit Boundary:*
 - *Job Seeker Support (JS Related)*
 - *Sole Parent Support (SPS Related)*
 - *Supported Living Payment (SLP Related)*
 - *Other benefits*
2. *for the quarters ending Jun19, Sep19 & Dec19. If it is not possible to provide the data for all of the quarters specified due to the MSD's rules with regards to the distribution of contemporaneous data, please simply provide all permissible data in this regard.*

We have decided to grant your request in part, namely information which relates to the number of people claiming benefits in the 2017 Area Unit Boundary for the Quarters ending June 2019, September 2019 and December 2019. Given the amount of resource required to process your request, we have decided to charge for making the requested information available.

In order to protect client privacy, the Ministry has decided to suppress some values under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

We estimate that the maximum charge will be \$532. Any unused component of the maximum charge will be refunded to you. For details of how this charge has been calculated refer to the enclosed estimate of costs.

The Ministry will generate an invoice to Dot Loves Data at the amount of \$532. Instructions on how to make payment will be outlined in the invoice. The information will be sent to you within five working days of your payment.

Before we proceed further with your request, please confirm your agreement to the charge. It will take some time to prepare this information for release. The information will be sent to you by 14 April 2020.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, 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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIArequests@msd.govt.nz. We will be able to assist you should you wish to change or refine your request in order to reduce or remove the need to charge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a small loop.

Kate Satterthwaite
General Manager
Ministerial and Executive Services

estimate of costs

Locations searched	•
Search terms used	•
Date range	DD/MM/YY–DD/MM/YY
Estimated no. of documents at issue/to be searched through	
Chargeable activities required	<input type="checkbox"/> Search and retrieval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collation <input type="checkbox"/> Research (reading and reviewing to identify the information) <input type="checkbox"/> Editing (excising or redacting information to be withheld) <input type="checkbox"/> Scanning / copying <input type="checkbox"/> Reasonably required peer review to ensure that these tasks have been carried out correctly
Estimated minutes per document to complete chargeable activities	
Estimated total time to complete chargeable activities	
Estimated no. of pages to be photocopied	

	Quantity	Price	Totals
Labour	[8] hours	\$38/half hour, with the first hour free	$\$(8 - 1) \times \$76 = \$532$
		Total cost	532