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Tēnā koe Mark Honeychurch

On 4 March 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information regarding Wage Subsidy data:

- *A list of claims that have been made, and for each claim the number of employees that have been claimed for, the amount claimed and the name of the organisation.*
- *However, I would also like to see the sector each of the organisations works in. The reason for this is that I am interested in seeing payments made to religious organisations, so if the list can be filtered to include only religious organisations, or non-profits, that would also be helpful.*

Please find attached a copy of the data set which sits behind the search tool. This data set includes the business name, the number of employees, and the total amount of Wage Subsidy paid, including the amount paid for the Wage Subsidy Extension and the Wage Subsidy Resurgence Payment, as at 17 March 2021, for all employers with three or more employees.

It is important to note that this data set changes daily. Although the application period for the latest Wage Subsidy scheme closed on 21 March 2021, businesses can still make repayments towards their existing Wage Subsidy claims. If a business has paid all of what they claimed through the Wage Subsidy back to the Ministry, then they are removed from the online search tool and any data sets subsequently released will reflect the updated search tool.

Please also note the following regarding the data set provided:

- it does not include businesses that have repaid the subsidy in full
- it may not include accurate figures for businesses that have made repayments, as this information may take 2-3 working days to update
- the information is accurate as at 17 March 2021, changes may have been made since this date, including that mentioned in the above point
- it does not include regional or industry sector breakdowns, and
- business names are the names given by employers on the Wage Subsidy application. Businesses may be known by, or operate under, different names.

With regard to your request for a sector/industry breakdown, the Ministry has conducted research regarding the number of unique jobs that were supported by the Wage Subsidy scheme, broken down by region. This data is based on the employee's place of residence and not the business address. The information is available on our website at the following weblink: [www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/who-was-supported-by-the-wage-subsidy-and-extension-24-july-2020.pdf](http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/who-was-supported-by-the-wage-subsidy-and-extension-24-july-2020.pdf).

A further report on the sector/industry breakdown can be found here:  
[msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/wage-subsidy-business-survey-findings.html](https://msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/wage-subsidy-business-survey-findings.html).

Please note that these sources do not break down the data by 'religious organisation' or 'non-governmental organisation' as this breakdown was not part of the research. There is no obligation under the Official Information Act 1982 to create information in order to respond to a request. This breakdown is, therefore, refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. The requested information is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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 this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning the Office of the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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