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Tēnā koe Shanna

Thank you for your email as of 23rd August 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

According to the Essential Services Workforce Factsheet released by MBIE there are 1,125,000 Essential Service Workers in New Zealand. Please advise the number of Essential Workers earning below the current Living Wage of \$22.75 per hour.

We do not have any specific income or hourly rate information of the essential services workforce. We estimated the number of essential services workers based on the total number of people employed within each industry, occupation, and region as of April 2020.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact me at Rose.Ryan@mbie.govt.nz

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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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