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Dear Chris Johnston

On 7 April 2020, you contacted the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *A data set in Excel or csv file for the last 5 years by month to the end of March 2020 for the whole of New Zealand with the following columns:*
  - *Residential Facility Name*
  - *Level of Care (E.g. Rest Home, Dementia, Hospital Level)*
  - *Physical Address*
  - *Geocoded Location - NZTM*
  - *DHB within which the Residential Care Facility resides*
  - *Number of Residents at the Start of the Period*
  - *Deaths During Period*
  - *Whether the person died in the facility or in another facility (such as a public hospital)*
  - *Age Group at Death (in 10 year bands)*

The Ministry originally transferred this request to the Ministry of Health as it was believed the request was more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Health under section 14(1)(b) of the Act.

The Ministry has reconsidered your request. Part of this consideration was if the Ministry could respond to your enquiry.

On 5 May 2020, the Ministry refused your request under section 18(g) of the Act, because the Ministry does not hold the information in scope of his request.

Although your request remains refused, the Ministry is providing you with the following two tables, provided in an Excel spreadsheet:

- **Table One:** The number of clients who received a Residential Care Subsidy as well as the New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension and cancelled for reason of death between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019, broken down by year, Territorial Local Authority (TLA) and age group.
- **Table Two:** The number of clients who received a Residential Care Subsidy as well as the New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension and cancelled for reason of death between 1 January 2015 and 31 December

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2019, resulting in their benefit being cancelled, broken down by year and Territorial Local Authority (TLA).

In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

In **Table Two**, age bands have been removed in order to eliminate the need for suppression.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, regarding New Zealand Superannuation cancellation data, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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