



# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Laydan

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *the number of children dependent on Community Services Card holders broken down by the child's age group and the territorial authority or Auckland Council local board in which they live.*

Community Services Cards are automatically provided to those in receipt of Jobseeker Support, Sole Parent Support, Supported Living Payment, Emergency Benefit, Youth Payment, Young Parent Payment and Veteran's Pension. Community Services Cards are also automatically provided to those people who receive the Orphan's Benefit, the Unsupported Child's Benefit and the Child Disability Allowance for a child or children they support. In addition, low to middle income individuals and families who qualify for a Community Services Card must go through a formal application process.

Additional information regarding Community Services Cards is publicly available on Work and Income's website at:

[www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/community-services-card.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/community-services-card.html)

The Ministry does not record the number of children dependent on Community Services Cardholders. As such your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that the information requested does not exist.

I am sorry that I cannot more helpful on this occasion. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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