



3 April 2023



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 14 March 2023. You requested the following:

1. *Monthly data – on the website, I can see the monthly data for Jan 22 to Jan 23. Is there more historical monthly data available to download? If so, could you please share where that is located*
2. *Monthly / annual data – statistic 'Amount of KiwiSaver Funds Withdrawn, by withdrawal reason'*
 - *Total withdrawals for the 12 months from Jan-22 – Dec-22 is \$1,082,279,620*
 - *Total withdrawals for the 12 months from Jul-21 – Jun-22 is \$1,333,583,709*
 - *Appreciate that the periods are not the same but I'm wondering if the methodology behind the data is the same as the total withdrawals in the 12 months window appears to be very different*
3. *Monthly data – what is the correct number of total members and what could be the cause of the difference between:*
 - *'number of active / provisional KiwiSaver members, by age', which suggests 3,255,756 members at Jan-23 versus*
 - *'number of active / provisional KiwiSaver members, by scheme entry method', which suggests 3,242,112 members at Jan-23*

Question 1

Inland Revenue does not publish monthly data older than 13 months. Data older than 13 months would need to be specifically requested. We do publish annual data going back a number of years.

Question 2

The methodology for extracting KiwiSaver fund withdrawal data did not change for the period July 2021 to December 2022. The decrease in withdrawal amounts over this period is driven by a decrease in the amounts withdrawn for first home purchases.

Question 3

Both totals are correct, however, there is a difference in the customers included in each data set. The number of KiwiSaver members by age includes both active and provisional KiwiSaver customers. The number of KiwiSaver members by scheme entry method includes active customers but does not include provisional customers for any data from April 2020 onwards.

Provisional customers are those who have been automatically enrolled into KiwiSaver and are still within the initial holding period where they can opt out of the scheme. Notes on the methodology change for scheme entry method statistics are available on our website: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/tax-statistics/kiwisaver/schemes/entry-method>.

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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