



10 April 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 31 March 2025. You requested the following:

1. Tax deductions under Section GC 1:

Please provide information on the number of businesses and the total dollar value claiming tax deductions under Section GC 1 of the Income Tax Act 2007 for the disposal of trading stock at below market value, broken down by year, for the period from 2013 to 2023 (inclusive).

2. Industry classification:

Please provide this data specifically for businesses involved in the retail of clothing and/or footwear. Please advise us on which codes are used to identify businesses in the apparel and footwear retail sectors.

3. Donation vs. other disposal:

If available, please provide any data that distinguishes whether the disposal of stock at below market value was due to donation to a registered charity or other reasons such as destruction or landfill.

Inland Revenue does not collect specific data on the disposal of trading stock below market value. Tax returns indicate the dollar value of monetary donations made to registered charities, but do not capture donations in kind, such as the donation of apparel or footwear.

Accordingly, your request for the total dollar value of tax deductions claimed under section GC 1 of the Income Tax Act 2007, the number of businesses making such claims, and a breakdown of industry classification and donation vs other disposals is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Inland Revenue, nor do I have grounds for believing that the information is held by or more closely connected with the functions of another department.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: commissionerscorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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