



26 February 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 3 February 2026. You requested the following, numbered for ease of response:

- 1. What data is IRD, or any other Government agency, tracking from the invoices received from parents as part of the FamilyBoost scheme?*
- 2. Are the fees that ECEs are charging to parents being tracked as part of the FamilyBoost scheme; if not, why not; if so, what are the average fees that are being charged to parents for ECE?*
- 3. As at 03/02/2026, how much has been paid to parents as part of the FamilyBoost Scheme?*
- 4. As at 03/02/2026, what is the average amount that has been paid to individual families as part of the FamilyBoost Scheme?*

Item 1, 3 and 4

Due to high public interest in the uptake of the FamilyBoost scheme, Inland Revenue has begun proactively publishing detailed information about FamilyBoost registrations, claims, payments, household uptake and customer contacts. Information will be published four times each quarter – twice for the first month after quarter end and shortly after the end of months two and three. The dataset can be found here: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/tax-statistics/major-spending-decisions/budget-2024-familyboost>

The dataset was provided as at 31 January 2026. Your request (items 3 and 4) are refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available. I believe there will not be a material difference between the data as at 31 January 2026 and 3 February 2026.

Item 2

The fees Early Childhood Education (ECE) providers are charging parents are not specifically being tracked by Inland Revenue as our role in FamilyBoost is to ensure those who claim meet the requirements of the scheme and receive their entitlements promptly.

Inland Revenue has some fees information from FamilyBoost applications. However, FamilyBoost claims are based on net fees invoiced after other deductions, such as 20 Hours ECE funding, Childcare Subsidy, discounts or donations are applied. This means Inland Revenue does not have comprehensive data on the fee structure of ECEs.

It is also important to note that not all families with children in ECE are FamilyBoost recipients and therefore the information Inland Revenue holds is limited. We do not collect or hold comprehensive information about all families with children in ECE.

ECE services providers will determine their fees based on a range of factors, including availability of spaces and regulatory compliance costs. Inland Revenue does not set, control or monitor prices in the ECE sector. While the Minister of Finance has announced that Inland Revenue will work on an automated model enabling direct data on fees from providers to reduce the administrative burden on applicants for FamilyBoost, no decisions have been made at this stage.

Further information

You are likely aware of the *Ministerial Advisory Group - Early Childhood Funding Review* for which the Ministry of Education is the Secretariat. The Group has proactively released information that may be of interest to you, including Inland Revenue's response of the August 2025 "*FamilyBoost background information for ECE funding review*". This can be found by searching: *Ministerial Advisory Group funding system review information releases* on the Ministry of Education website (education.govt.nz).

Right of review

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

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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