Inland Revenue
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 6 June 2026. You requested the following:

1. *The total amount of COVID-19 business support paid to firms classified under ANZSIC code M6922 (Surveying and Mapping Services) for the period 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2022, broken down by scheme, including but not limited to:*
    - *Resurgence Support Payments*
    - *Small Business Cashflow Loan Scheme*
    - *Any other IR administered COVID-19 support programmes*
2. *The number of firms within ANZSIC M6922 that received each type of support.*
3. *Any internal analysis, reports, or summaries held by IR relating to uptake of COVID-19 support by the surveying and mapping sector.*

Information partially released

Items 1 and 2

The table below shows the number of customers recorded as using the ANZSIC Level 4 code M692200 and the associated COVID-19 business support.

COVID-19 Scheme	Number of ANZSIC code M6922 customers	Value $
Resurgence Support Payment	223	2.1 million
COVID-19 Support Payment	57	0.625 million
Small Business Cashflow Scheme loans	116	2.4 million
Penalty and interest remission	413	N/A
Loss carry-back	12	N/A

Penalty and interest relief was granted to some customers who contacted us to advise they were significantly, adversely affected by COVID-19. The interest charged was remitted under s183ABAB of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA) and the penalties charged were remitted under s183D TAA. The total value of all COVID-19 relief remissions for all customers over four years, from 2020 to 2024, was $1.24b. We are unable to extract the detail of amounts of penalty and interest relief specific to customers or customer types. Therefore, part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue.

For the loss carry-back scheme, there is no value available for this aspect of relief as this scheme changed the tax year where losses were recorded. While it made customers' tax obligations more manageable at the time, there was no permanent tax relief as the loss was recorded in another tax year instead of the tax year the loss originated. Therefore, part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue

Information refused

Item 3

No documents exist in respect of your request for information relating to *internal analysis, reports, or summaries held by IR relating to uptake of COVID-19 support by the surveying and mapping sector*. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

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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