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Dear 

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 30 May 2023. You requested the following:

An Interest.co.nz report on 19 October 2022 stated:

'The tax department monitors 750 foreign-owned multinational firms that operate in New Zealand. At the end of 2020, 376 foreign-owned multinational entities each with an annual turnover in excess of \$30m had received \$830m in wage subsidies. The Inland Revenue saw that, although the wage subsidy was geared to underpin employment in New Zealand, that the benefits could be transferred overseas using transfer pricing. When they said that this was not acceptable, \$33 million was voluntarily repaid

Could you advise whether the statistics stated above are correct or advise any updated statistics if they are immediately available.

The issue of possible incorrect transfer pricing treatment by foreign-owned multinational enterprises who received wage subsidies under the Wage Subsidy Scheme was largely addressed by Inland Revenue at the time it was identified.

The statistics quoted in your request are correct. There are no updated figures immediately available.

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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