



24 June 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request, received 29 May 2025. Inland Revenue is considering your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following:

I'm doing a survey and would like to know how many suicides are linked each year due to ird related problems

While Inland Revenue maintains a Security Incident database – used to record incidents where a customer may pose a threat to themselves, the community, or Inland Revenue staff, property, or premises – we do not explicitly record whether Inland Revenue’s actions were alleged to be a contributing factor. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue, and I have no reason for believing it is held by or more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

I consulted with Manatū Hauora – Ministry of Health, and Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand on your request and confirmed these agencies do not hold this information at the level of detail requested. However, you may find Te Whatu Ora’s *Suicide data web tool* helpful for your research: <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/data-and-statistics/suicide/data-web-tool>

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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