



4 March 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 25 February 2026. You requested the following:

*Can you please provide the total tax paid by those in New Zealand shed 65 to 70 years. This is total tax, not tax by any identifiable individual.*

Inland Revenue holds information related to personal income tax on taxable income collated by five-year age bands (for the 2019 – 2024 tax years), which is updated and published annually on Inland Revenue's website here: [Tax on taxable income datasets \(www.ird.govt.nz\)](http://www.ird.govt.nz). The tax by age band information is contained in the spreadsheet on the linked page, specifically in the table commencing in cell BE282 of the tab entitled "Income tables 2001-24".

However, Inland Revenue cannot provide the *total* tax paid by individuals within age bands as we do not hold information on the incidence of the tax. For example, GST is collected from the vendor of an item and not the consumer who is ultimately paying the tax, meaning it cannot reliably be assigned to an individual and age band.

Therefore, your request for information relating to total tax paid by those in New Zealand aged 65 to 70 years old is refused under section 18(g) as the information is not held by Inland Revenue.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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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