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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 6 May 2025. You requested the following:

I have a query regarding the following tax years: - Tax Year 04-2024 to 03-2025

- 1. The \$ value of GST penalties paid to IRD over the period*
- 2. The \$ value of late payment penalties (based on the date of the transaction) related to GST payments paid to IRD over the period*
- 3. The \$ value of interest related to GST late payments or penalties*
- 4. The number of businesses attracting GST/GST late payment penalties over the period*
- 5. The total number of GST registered businesses during the period.*

Items 1, 2 and 3: GST payments made to Inland Revenue

Table 1 below details the value of payments made to Inland Revenue for interest, late payment penalties, and other penalties on GST accounts from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Table 1: Value of GST payments for 2025 tax year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

Type of GST payment	Values
Use-of-money interest paid	\$116.8m
Late payment penalties paid	\$76.5m
Other penalties paid	\$11.5m
Total	\$204.8m

Table 1 shows the amount of GST payments and penalties for payments made in the tax year requested. However, when payments are allocated towards debt (after any current obligation has been paid), the payments are typically allocated to the oldest penalties and interest on the customer's account. This means that even if a payment is made during a specific tax year, it can apply to an older year. Other penalties include late filing penalties and shortfall penalties. The value includes payments and credit transfers (either from other tax types where credit is available, or from a GST credit assessment or refund).

You can find more information about penalties and interest on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) or at <http://www.ird.govt.nz/managing-my-tax/penalties-and-interest>

Items 4 and 5: Number of customers with GST obligations

Table 2 below details the number of customers that had GST to pay, were charged penalties and interest on their GST accounts, and the total number of customers actively registered for GST from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. Customer numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred.

Table 2: Number of customers with GST obligations for the 2025 tax year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

Type of customer	Number of customers
Customers with one or more GST assessment to pay	550,900
Customers with penalties/interest applied to GST due	221,800
Customers registered for GST for all or part of the year	706,600

Penalties include all types of penalties including late payment, late filing and shortfall penalties. The row "Customers registered for GST" shows the number of customers who were registered for GST for some or all of the tax year.

Inland Revenue's Annual Report has additional information and insights about its customers, debt, and payments that you may find useful. Current and previous Annual Reports are published on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) or at <http://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/publications/annual-corporate-reports/annual-report>

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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