



18 October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 28 September 2022. You requested the following:

In the Inland Revenue 2020/21 Annual Report it states that \$503 million in paid parental leave payments were made to approximately 50,000 parents. Please may I request the following under the Official Information Act:

- Any data or estimates of the number of people who received paid parental leave in 2021/22
- The number of recipients of paid parental leave each year for the past 5 years (and if possible if they are male or female)
- Any data or estimates on the number of people taking unpaid parental leave each year.

The table below provides the number of customers who received paid parental leave for the last five financial years (1 July to 30 June). Please note that it is not mandatory for customers to provide gender information to Inland Revenue, as such we have sorted the data by the customer's title. Where no title or a gender-neutral title is provided, they are listed as 'unknown'.

Paid Parent Leave Customers: broken down by customer's title

Financial Year	Female	Female (%)	Male	Male (%)	Unknown	Unknown (%)	Total Customers
2017/18	40,227	98.67	373	0.91	169	0.41	40,769
2018/19	65,862	98.41	785	1.17	278	0.42	66,925
2019/20	46,914	98.13	720	1.51	174	0.36	47,808
2020/21	49,654	97.86	877	1.73	207	0.41	50,738
2021/22	55,737	97.26	1,254	2.19	319	0.56	57,310

Your request for data on the number of customers taking unpaid parental leave is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue, and we do not believe it is held by any other department.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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