



28 February 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 5 February 2024. You requested the following in relation to Inland Revenue's High-wealth individuals research project:

*...Can IRD please provide the mean estimated net worth of the top ten families in the Project population for 2021, and the mean estimated net worth of the bottom ten families?*

*Could you also please provide the mean estimated net worth of the wealthiest 1% of the Project population sample?*

No analysis has been conducted on the mean estimated net worth of the top and bottom ten families, or the wealthiest 1% of the project population. All existing unit record level data was retained for as long as it was required for the High-wealth Individuals Research Project and is now deleted. Therefore, your request 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 another agency.

However, Inland Revenue has published some disaggregated data on the High-wealth individuals research project. This can be found on Inland Revenue's website under Supplemental Information at: [ird.govt.nz/about-us/who-we-are/organisation-structure/significant-enterprises/high-wealth-individuals-research-project/online-document-library-high-wealth-individuals-research-project](https://ird.govt.nz/about-us/who-we-are/organisation-structure/significant-enterprises/high-wealth-individuals-research-project/online-document-library-high-wealth-individuals-research-project).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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, will 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 for your request.

Yours sincerely



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