



27 February 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 14 February 2025. You requested the following:

- 1. The full aggregated and anonymised data set of the "311 high-wealth New Zealand families (the Project population)." as part of the [High-wealth individuals research project](#). I'd like the data in Excel or CSV file format, please, not PDF.*
- 2. The full survey(s) documents those 311 families had to complete.*

Information refused

Your request for information relating to the full aggregated and anonymised data set is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

Inland Revenue has a disposal authority to destroy all customer research raw data once this is no longer required. Inland Revenue's authority to destroy this information is DA148, issued by the Chief Archivist (Archives New Zealand).

Information publicly available

Your request for the full survey(s) documents is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available. These can be found in Inland Revenue's High Wealth Individuals research document library, under the heading 'Questionnaire guides': [Online document library - High-wealth individuals research project](#).

You may also be interested in the aggregated data that is available on this page, under the heading 'Supplemental Information'.

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

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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