



10 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 19 June 2023. You requested:

In 2021, Stuff wrote: "The most recent figures from IRD show 504 men took the paid portion of parental leave in the last financial year, compared to 34,184 women. (Around 800 people didn't state their gender.) That's up from 324 men in 2017.

And in November 2022 Newsroom wrote: "Inland Revenue figures, obtained under the Official Information Act, show the number of people identifying as men and taking parental leave rose from just 373 in the 2017/18 year to 1254 in 2021/22."

I'm after the most recent figures.

The table below provides the number of male, female and gender-unknown customers who received paid parental leave for the 2022/23 financial year (1 July to 30 June). The numbers for previous years are also provided, as they may be of assistance to you.

Please note that customers are not required to provide Inland Revenue with gender information. We have therefore provided the information according to the title that a customer has provided. If a customer has not specified their title, or if they have given us a gender-neutral title, their gender is listed in the table as 'unknown'.

PPL customers: gender as per customer's title							
Financial year	Female	Female %	Male	Male %	Unknown	Unknown %	Total
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
2022/23	50,830	97.07%	1,202	2.30%	334	0.64%	52,366

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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