



28 March 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 3 March 2022. You requested:

I would like to know how much income tax is being paid in New Zealand every second on average from January 2020 to our current date.

The Treasury publishes monthly tax information on its website (treasury.govt.nz). You can find the information by searching for "tax outturn data" on the website or by going to: www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/financial-management-and-advice/revenue-expenditure/tax-outturn-data

There are three spreadsheets published for each month, including one that contains historical data dating back to July 1993.

There are spreadsheets for both the revenue and receipts measures of tax on the Treasury's website. "Receipts" measures tax when it is paid, whereas "revenue" is an accrual method that attempts to measure tax as it is incurred.

In the spreadsheets, you can calculate income tax amounts by looking at the *Direct tax* section and combining:

- All the rows under *Individual* ("PAYE", "Other persons tax", "Refunds to individuals" and "Fringe benefit tax") and
- The rows "Gross company tax", "Company tax refunds" and "Non-resident withholding tax" under *Company*, and
- The rows "Residents' interest" and "Residents' dividends" under *Other withholding taxes*.

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available.

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.

Publishing OIA responses

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. If the response to this request is published, your personal details and any information that would identify you will be removed before publication.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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