



28 March 2023

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 13 March 2023. You requested the following:

Please let me know if you have an officer whose job it is to locate the owners of unclaimed monies held at IRD. This person is not to answer queries from claimants, but sole purpose is to look at unclaimed monies and try to find the owners.

Unclaimed Money

Unclaimed money is money left untouched by its owner in organisations like banks or with a person such as a solicitor. The length of time that passes before it becomes unclaimed money is generally 5 years.

After the organisation, or person, has been unsuccessful in trying to find the owner, most unclaimed money is transferred to Inland Revenue, the Public Trust or the Treasury.

To respond to your request, Inland Revenue does not have an officer solely responsible for locating owners of unclaimed monies. However, when we become aware of a potential owner of funds, we do make proactive attempts to contact the person. We do this through letters or web messages and include instructions on how to lodge a claim.

More information on unclaimed money can be found on Inland Revenue's main website (www.ird.govt.nz) by searching 'unclaimed money'.

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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