



5 November 2024

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 14 October 2024. You requested the following:

- 1. How many wage subsidy risk review files has MSD referred to IR with a request for these reviews to be checked against IR data?*
- 2. Were these reviews of wage subsidy claims lodged for the original wage subsidy scheme, the extension scheme or the resurgence scheme?*
- 3. What results were obtained when IR checked these wage subsidy reviews against data held by IR?*

During the period July 2020 to November 2020 Inland Revenue completed a total of 928 post payment integrity reviews of Wage Subsidy payments initiated by referrals from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). These reviews were against the original Wage Subsidy Scheme payments. The reviews resulted in the following recommendations back to MSD:

1. No further action, no issues identified
2. Low risk, minor mis-match in some information, may require clarification with applicant
3. Issues identified that indicate material mismatch and likely ineligibility for WSS - further investigation should be undertaken
4. Unable to contact

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Reviews</b>
No further action – no issues identified	415
Low risk - mis-match of some minor information, may require clarification with applicant	341
High risk - issues identified that indicate material mis-match, further investigation should be undertaken	127
Unable to contact	45

**Publishing of OIA response**

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website ([www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.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 for your request.

Yours sincerely



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