



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Mr Robert Newcombe
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Dear Mr Newcombe

On 2 July 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Figures for the year 2015/6 for the total amounts deducted by Section 70 from overseas Government pensions in their Country of origin and the numbers of seniors affected?*

Please find enclosed the following table that shows the annualised amount of deductions made under section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964, broken down by the number of overseas pensions and country of origin, as at the end of June 2016.

Country	Number	Annualised Amount
Australia	15,660	\$68,375,111.83
Canada	2,358	\$8,181,649.84
Germany	434	\$2,650,002.81
Ireland	280	\$1,447,333.24
Philippines	219	\$320,404.01
Russian Federation	232	\$822,208.68
Switzerland	329	\$1,743,416.26
The Netherlands	4,320	\$22,315,627.44
United Kingdom	59,611	\$228,858,613.09
United States of America	591	\$6,473,757.95
Other Countries	1,319	\$5,863,469.43
Total	85,353	\$347,051,594.58

Note:

- The country given is where the overseas pension is paid from.
- The number value represents the number of overseas pensions.
- The annualised value is an approximate value of overseas pension in New Zealand dollars as at the time of the report, based on exchange rates at that point in time.
- This includes main benefit clients, New Zealand Superannuation clients and clients receiving non beneficiary assistance.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

Ruth Bound
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