

25 January 2024

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated 24 January 2024.

You have requested:

*Does a New Zealand government department or Ministry of Social Development compensate the Australian government or pay the nz super via Centrelink to retired nz citizens residing in Australia assuming they meet eligibility rules?*

*To clarify the context*

*Do MSD still fund the cost of retired nz citizens residing in Australia in any way, or does that burden fall to the Australian taxpayer?*

I am afraid that we do not hold this information. The Ministry of Social Development would be best placed to respond.

We have therefore transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development in accordance with [s14 of the Official Information Act 1982](#). They will reply to you directly.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). Te Ara Ahunga Ora proactively releases information in accordance with the Government’s commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the Te Ara Ahunga Ora website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely



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