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Dear Ms MacDonald

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 1 July 2017 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

> 'The Human Rights Review Tribunal hearing for Atkinson and Others v. Ministry of Health heard that 272 disabled people had resident family members as their paid carers.
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> This is a very specific number, so I assume that the Ministry of health is aware of the circumstances of these arrangements.
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> I need to know:
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> 1. The relationship of the resident family carer to the disabled adult.
>
> 2. The number of hours per week that resident family carer was paid for.
>
> 3. The total number of hours of support allocated to the person.
>
> 4. The mechanism whereby the payment of the family carer was facilitated, i.e, through a contracted provider, or through Individualised Funding, Contract Board or some other arrangement.
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> Also, the HRRT decision for Atkinson and Others v. MOH
> http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=5305&d=9M7W2bKBjw3w7BqCVWa59HdGhcXL5LBcBIX4r52tBQ&u=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2enzlii%2eorg%2fnz%2fcases%2fNZHRRT%2f2010%2f1%2ehtml states
>
> "[156] Not surprisingly, these various sets of data provided information that was not easy to reconcile. But it was evident (and agreed by the parties) that there is a significant number of people with severe disabilities who do not receive Ministry funded disability support services – this group could total up to 29,000 in all. "
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> 5. Has the Ministry of Health managed to refine this figure (29000) in the light of the release of the data from the "Demographic Information on Clients Using the Ministry of Health's Disability Support Services as at September 2013"? (Bearing in mind that it would be bordering on irresponsible for some with a 'severe' disability to not be registered with their local NASC in the event that the unpaid family carer was suddenly unable to support that dependent person.)'

The information relating to this request is itemised below, with copies of documents attached.

Request	Response
1. The relationship of the resident family carer to the disabled adult. 2. The number of hours per week that resident family carer was paid for. 3. The total number of hours of support allocated to the person. 4. The mechanism whereby the payment of the family carer was facilitated, i.e, through a contracted provider, or through Individualised Funding, Contract Board or some other arrangement.	Attached are: 1. Extraction from List of exceptions to the Paid family Caregivers policy.

In response to question five, the 29,000 figure referred to was derived from modelling in 2008 of the number of disabled people in New Zealand who could potentially be Ministry funded service users at that time. This was based on the number of New Zealanders who in the 2006 disability census self-reported being severely disabled with a long term impairment.

Because this figure was based on Statistics New Zealand data the Ministry of Health has not refined it. The number of disabled people funded by Disability Support Services (DSS) in the 2013 Demographic report is reflective only of those disabled New Zealanders who have been *assessed* as eligible for disability funding under DSS's eligibility criteria at that time. This number is not reflective of the total number of New Zealanders who could have been potentially eligible for Ministry of Health disability funding at the time the modelling was done.

The information relating to questions 1-4 of your request is listed in a table on the following pages. This is historic information that was initially collated in 2007[1]. None of the people supported in these arrangements back then are being supported in non-compliant service arrangements now. Their names and National Health Index numbers have been withheld under section 9 (2)(a) of the Act for privacy reasons. I do not consider that the public interest outweighs my decision to withhold this information.

Please note that if no information was obtained or confirmed about a particular data category at that time, the information is not included or specified as 'not defined'. This will explain the gaps in the table provided.

I trust all this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely

Jill Lane
Director
Service Commissioning

[1] Two additional clients were added in 2012 taking the total to 274.

	Question 1: The relationship of the resident family carer to the disabled adult	**Question 2:** The number of hours per week the resident family carer was paid	**Question 3:** The total number of hours of allocated support to the person		**Question 4:** The service type provided • HBSS is Home based Support Services • PC is Personal Care • HHM is Household Management • IF is Individualised Funding • SIL is Supported Independent Living • CB is Contract Board
			Personal care hours p/w	Household management hours p/w	
1	Mother	3	3	not defined[2]	HBSS
2	Mothers Partner	49	49	not defined	HBSS
3	Sister	7	7	not defined	HBSS
4	Sister	25	25	not defined	HBSS
5	Wife	8	7	1	HBSS
6	Daughter	7	7	not defined	HBSS
7	Husband	6	6	not defined	HBSS
8	Brother	16	10	6	HBSS
9	Sister in law	14	7	7	IF
10	Step-Brother		not defined	not defined	SIL
11	Daughter		14	not defined	IF
12	Sister	14	14	not defined	IF
13	Mother and Brother	38	36.5	1.5	IF
14	Mother and Brother	39.5	38	1.5	IF
15	Mother and Brother	5	3.5	1.5	IF
16	Daughter	7	7	not defined	IF
17	Wife	9	7	2	IF
18	Daughter and sister in law	14	12	2	HBSS
19	Sister	6.5	6.5	not defined	HBSS
20	Daughter and sister in law	7	1	not defined	HBSS
21	Partner	20	15	5	HBSS
22			not defined	not defined	
23	Father	40	40		IF

[2] Not defined means that it was not allocated

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24	Mother	17	17	not defined	
25	Mother	8	8	not defined	
26	Wife	6	6	not defined	
27	Nephew	14	5	2	HBSS
28	Ex-wife	35	35	not defined	HBSS
29	Wife	20	20	not defined	HBSS
30	Daughter	28	16	12	HBSS
31	Ex-father in law	22	17	5	HBSS
32	Nephew	13	9	4	HBSS
33	Ex-wife	5	not defined	5	HBSS
34	Daughter	15	10	5	HBSS
35	Wife	12	8	4	HBSS
36	Wife	6	5	1	HBSS
37	Grandson	7.5	not defined	7.5	HBSS
38	Foster sister	9	9	not defined	
39	Sister	5	not defined	not defined	SIL
40		5	2.5	2.5	HBSS
41	2 people	0	not defined	not defined	HBSS
42	Wife	70	not defined	not defined	Home Support Direct Funding
43	Daughter	29	20	9	HBSS
44	Uncle	25	not defined	not defined	HBSS
45	Wife	50	not defined	not defined	Home Support Direct Funding
46	Mother	40	40	not defined	HBSS
47	Uncle?	38.5	38.5	not defined	HBSS
48	Mother	12	not defined	not defined	
49	Family	28	not defined	not defined	
50	Family	0	not defined	not defined	
51	Daughter-in-law	22.5	16.5	6	HBSS
52	Husband	30	20	10	HBSS
53	Mother	70	56	14	HBSS
54	Father	53	50	3	HBSS

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55	Not given	28	21	7	HBSS
56	Husband	33	33	not defined	HBSS
57	Mother	44.5	41.5	3	HBSS
58	Wife	28	28	0	HBSS
59	Grandparent	0	not defined	not defined	HIF
60	Son	30	not defined	not defined	HBSS
61	Niece	7	not defined	not defined	HBSS
62	Sister	23.5	not defined	not defined	HBSS
63	Brother	7	7	0	HBSS
64	Brother	35	not defined	not defined	DF
65	Partner	5	5	0	HBSS PC
67	Daughter	4.5	0	4.5	HBSS HHM
68	Sister	3	not defined	not defined	CB
69	Sister	3	not defined	not defined	CB
70	Mother		not defined	not defined	CB
71	Daughter	14	not defined	not defined	HBSS
72	Mother	18	13	5	HBSS
73	Wife	40	35	5	HBSS
74	Daughter	36	20	16	HBSS
75	Sister	37.5	27.5	10	HBSS
76	Mother	7.5	7.5	not defined	HBSS
77	Son	9.5	9.5	not defined	HBSS
78	Mother	16	12	4	HBSS
79	Mother	40	40	not defined	HBSS
80	Uncle	3	3	not defined	HBSS
81	Partner	4	4	not defined	HBSS
82	Father	4	4	not defined	HBSS
83	Partner	6	not defined	6	HBSS
84	Sister	14	10	4	HBSS
85	Husband	33	33	not defined	CB
86	Mother	17	3	14	HBSS
87	Daughter	15	15	not defined	HBSS

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88	Mother-in-law	6	6	not defined	HBSS
89	Mother-in-law	10	10	not defined	HBSS
90	Father	10	10	not defined	HBSS
91	Mother	30	not defined	30	HBSS
92	Wife	14	10	4	HBSS
93	Mother	10	3	7	HBSS
94	Mother	13	10	3	HBSS
95	Mother	12	10	2	HBSS
96	Aunty	5	5	not defined	HBSS
97	Husband	13	6	7	HBSS
98	Daughter	31	21	10	HBSS
99	Brother	14	7	7	HBSS
100	Sister	9	5	4	HBSS
101	Sister	15	15	not defined	HBSS
102	Wife	10	5	5	HBSS
103	Father	9	9	not defined	HBSS
104	Mother	5	5	not defined	HBSS
105	Wife	30.5	29	1.5	HBSS
106	Mother	8	5	3	HBSS
107	Daughter	20	20	not defined	HBSS
108	Nephew	24	18	6	HBSS
109	Mother	10	10	not defined	HBSS
110	Mother	11	9	2	HBSS
111	Daughter	14.5	7.5	7	HBSS
112	Mother	17	10	7	HBSS
113	Wife	10	10	not defined	HBSS
114	Husband	21	14	7	HBSS
115	Sister	12	12	not defined	HBSS
116	Daughter	27	20	7	HBSS
117	Son	15	10	5	HBSS
118	Daughter-in-law	10	10	not defined	HBSS
119	Daughter	18	16	2	HBSS

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120	Mother/Sister	50	25	25	HBSS
121	Husband	15	13	2	HBSS
122	Brother	20	15	5	HBSS
123	Mother	12	12	not defined	HBSS
124	Uncle & Aunt	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
125	Sister	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
126	Sister	0	not defined	not defined	HBSS
127	Elder Sister	0	not defined	not defined	HBSS
128	Elder Sister	0	not defined	not defined	HBSS
129	Legal Guardian	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board / Home Support
130	Step-Mother	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
131	Sister	0	not defined	not defined	Respite Care
132	Step-Father	0	not defined	not defined	Home Support
133	Grandmother	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
134	2nd Cousin	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
135	Brother	7	not defined	7	1 Hr Home Support /Day
136	Sister	25	not defined	25	25 Home Support per week
137	Aunt & Uncle	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
138	Grandmother	8	not defined	8	
139	Brother	0	not defined	not defined	Home Support
140	Mother	0	not defined	not defined	Respite from CB
141	Legal Guardians	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
142	Legal Guardians	0	not defined	not defined	Contract Board
143	Mother	6	not defined	not defined	SL
144	Sister & Brother in Respite	0	not defined	not defined	
145	Mother	79	not defined	not defined	IF
146	wife	7	7	not defined	HBSS
147	Husband	15	15	not defined	HBSS
148	wife	10.5	8.5	2	HBSS
149	Father in law	5	5	not defined	HBSS
150	Father	2	not defined	2	HBSS
151	Mother in law	12	10	2	

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152	Sister	25	25	not defined	HBSS
153	Daughter	22.5	not defined	not defined	HBSS
154	Daughter	17	7	10	HBSS
155	Partner	10	8.5	1.5	HBSS
156	Nephew	18	13	5	HBSS
157	Wife	14	14	Not defined	HBSS
158	Mother	6	6	not defined	HBSS
159	Daughter	31.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
160	Wife	7.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
161	Mother	18	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
162	Father	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
163	Granddaughter	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
164	Mother	23.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
165	Mother	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
166	Mother	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
167	Mother	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
168	Daughter	11	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
169	Son	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
170	Son	16	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
171	Mother	7	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
172	Mother	15	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
173	Grandmother	7	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
174	Grandmother	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
175	Step Sister	7	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
176	Sister	21	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
177	Sister	7	7	not defined	HBSS
178	Grandmother	7.5	7.5	not defined	HBSS
179	Daughter	14	7	7	HBSS
180	Mother	31	31	not defined	HBSS
181	Daughter	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
182	Cousin	5	5	not defined	HBSS
183	Sister	27	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS

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184	Sister	7	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
185	Sister	4.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
186	Sister	10	not defined	10	HBSS
187	Sister	23	23	not defined	HBSS
188	Husband	30	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
189	Sister	76	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
190	Father	91	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
191	Father	36.5	36.5	not defined	HBSS
192	Husband	23	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
193	Sister	10	10	not defined	HBSS
194	Mother	12	12	not defined	HBSS
195	Daughter	17	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
196	Grandmother	3	3	not defined	HBSS
197	Sister	44	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
198	Partner	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
199	Sister	40	40	not defined	HBSS
200	Daughter	38	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
201	Nephew	8	not defined	8	HBSS
202	Sister	7.5	7.5	not defined	HBSS
203	Husband	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
204	Brother	10	10	not defined	HBSS
205	Husband	20	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
206	Daughter in law	35	35	not defined	HBSS
207	Brother	32	32	not defined	HBSS
208	Mother	30	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
209	Brother & sister	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
210	Grandmother	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
211	Daughter	30	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
212	Grandmother	28	28	not defined	HBSS
213	Brother	8	8	not defined	HBSS
214	Sister	13	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
215	Daughter in law	24	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS

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216	Father	14	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
217	Daughter	20	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
218	Mother	5	Not defined	5	HBSS
219	Father	32	32	not defined	HBSS
220	Husband	21	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
221	Mother	7	7	not defined	HBSS
222	Sister	10	10	not defined	HBSS
223	Sister	36	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
224	Sister	5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
225	Sister	5	5	not defined	HBSS
226	Wife	25	25	not defined	HBSS
227	Brother in law	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
228	Mother	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
229	Son	59	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
230	Sister	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
231	Uncle	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
232	Mother	20	20	not defined	HBSS
233	Husband	42	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
234	Sister	15	15	not defined	HBSS
235	Brother	7.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
236	Wife	10	7	3	HBSS
237	Husband	40	40	not defined	HBSS
238	Uncle	7.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
239	Step-Father	27.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
240	Step-Father	27.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
241	Son	14	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
242	Grandfather	5	5	not defined	HBSS
243	Sister	19	19	not defined	HBSS
244	Brother	6	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
245	Mother	13	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
246	?	18	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
247	Father	35	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS

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248	Daughter	26	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
249	Mother	23	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
250	Sister	9	9	not defined	HBSS
251	Ex wife	59	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
252	Sister	3	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
253	Sister	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
254	Daughter	13.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
255	Mother	8	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
256	Brother	7	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
257	Husband	14	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
258	Parents	21	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
259	Daughter	28	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
260	Mother	10.5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
261	Husband	32	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
262	Daughter	32	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
263	Sister	20	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
264	Mother in law	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
265	Mother	Not defined - 12-20 hrs per week	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
266	Niece	5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
267	Brother	10	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
268	Step-Father	5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
269	Sister	3	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
270	Son	5	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
271	Daughter	21	Not defined	Not defined	HBSS
272	Father	10	10		HBSS
273	Father	Not defined - 12-20 hrs per week	not defined	not defined	IF
274	Father	Not defined - 12-20 hrs per week	not defined	not defined	IF

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