



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
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Tēnā koe Nic Lane

On 9 March 2022, you submitted a request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), for the following information:

- *Are you able to supply attendance by the government department (and if it is easy enough - if individuals are at management level) for each of your Accessibility Charter Training sessions to date. Please provide in a .CSV format.*

The Ministry delivers monthly, free 2-hour Accessibility Charter Training sessions in collaboration with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and members of the Disabled People Organisations (DPOs). These workshops are open to all staff from central government organisations, including Public Service and Non-Public Service departments, Crown Agencies, District Health Boards, as well as local government bodies.

I can advise you that, since 18 September 2019, there have been **622** attendees at Accessibility Charter Training workshops.

Regarding your request for a breakdown of attendants at Accessibility Charter Training workshops by agency, please see the attached Excel spreadsheet, showing attendants by agency from 18 September 2019 – 1 March 2022. You will note that names and email addresses have been withheld in the information released to you, as you have specified that you do not require staff names.

I can also inform you that, of the **38** Ministry staff who have attended the training workshops and are still employed by the Ministry, **6** are at management level. These figures were derived through manual research.

The Ministry does not record the job titles of persons who attend Accessibility Charter Training workshops. As you have asked for easily available information, this part of your request was not transferred to the individual agencies listed. Should you wish to determine the tier level of the attendees

at Accessibility Charter Training workshops, you may wish to request this information from each agency.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Accessibility Charter Training attendees, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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