



1 November 2021

Our reference: LEX 64876

Mr RK Crosby

By email: [foi+request-7964-8b2083ac@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-7964-8b2083ac@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear RK Crosby,

### **Freedom of Information Request – Documents otherwise available**

I refer to your request to Services Australia (the agency) received on 15 October 2021 made in the following terms:

'Migraine Australia has been advised by your statistics department that the only way to access these statistics is via the FOI process.

Can you please provide:

- Statistics on the number of people on Disability Support Pension (DSP) listing migraine in their top 10 conditions.
- Statistics on the number of people who had their application for DSP rejected listing migraine in their top 10 conditions.
- Statistics on the number of people on JobSeeker or other welfare payment involving mutual obligation who were exempted from mutual obligation activities for any period due to migraine

For the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-2021 ideally broken down by quarter. '

Your request does not meet the requirements for the agency to release documents to you through the FOI Act as you have requested information rather than a document. A person is not entitled to obtain access to a document if it is available elsewhere (section 12(1)(c)).

### **Accessing data**

The Data Analytics Division (the Division) are responsible for publishing the type of data requested on the agency's public website. The Division has advised that a formal FOI request is not required for the information you are seeking.

Instead, you can directly apply for access to the data by clicking on the link below, with particular reference to 'accessing statistics that are not available on this website':

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/about-us/reports-and-statistics/statistical-information-and-data#a2>.

**If you do not reply within 30 days from the date of this letter, I will understand that you no longer wish to proceed with the matter and I will consider the matter finalised.**



**Further assistance**

If you have any questions please email [FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@servicesaustralia.gov.au](mailto:FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@servicesaustralia.gov.au).

Yours Sincerely

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