

Appendix 2 – Suggested updates to data and commentary

Table A1.9: Financial support, 2021~~2~~ to 2023

As part of the suppression strategy, three major initiatives were implemented: the Resurgence Support Payment (RSP), the COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP), and the Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS). *(NB: This sentence has been re-ordered so that RSP appears before CSP (to reflect the chronological order of the respective COVID-19 schemes)).*

COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP) COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP) was administered by ~~through~~ **Inland Revenue Work and Income at MSD** over three time periods (see Table A1.10 ~~2.3~~ below). The CSP totalled ~~about~~ **approximately** \$1.3 billion (see Table ~~2.4~~ **A1.10**). It was a payment to help support viable and ongoing businesses or organisations that experienced a 40% or more drop in revenue as a result of one or more of the following circumstances:

1. the widespread presence of COVID-19 in the New Zealand community
2. the public health legislative measures taken in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the New Zealand community
3. any business circumstances that are, or are reasonably likely to be, a consequence of the circumstances described above. (IRD, 2023b)

Applicants were not eligible for the CSP if they:

- had not taken all reasonably practical steps to minimise revenue losses,
- were a regulated business or service under the COVID-19 Protection Framework and were not complying with the COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate requirements (where applicable)
- were a self-employed individual that had received, had an application pending for, or was going to apply for or receive funding under the Cultural Sector Emergency Relief Fund: Grant for Self-Employed Individuals (this only relates to the first CSP and not the second or third CSPs). (IRD, 2023b).

The above paragraph regarding CSP eligibility has been reworded to separate the criteria.

Table A1.10: COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP) as at 30 June 2022

Adapted from IRD, 2023b; 2023c

Affected revenue period	Name	Amount (\$)
16 Feb 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	First COVID-19 Support Payment	506,368,760
7 Mar 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	Second COVID-19 Support Payment	439,385,760
21 Mar 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	Third COVID-19 Support Payment	368,427,978
Total		1,314,182,497

Table A1.10: COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP) as at ~~30 June 2022~~ 30 June 2024

Affected revenue period	Name	Amount (\$)
16 Feb 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	First COVID-19 Support Payment	506,368,760 506,709,113
7 Mar 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	Second COVID-19 Support Payment	439,385,760 439,878,845
21 Mar 2022 to 4 Apr 2022	Third COVID-19 Support Payment	368,427,978 368,862,998

Total		1,314,182,497 1,315,450,956
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Resurgence Support Payment (RSP)

The Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) operated over ten weeks between 18 November 2021 and 20 January 2022 and cost almost \$3 billion. It was a payment to help support viable and ongoing businesses or organisations that experienced a 30% drop in revenue due to a COVID-19 alert level increase to Level 2 or higher.

Suggested RSP Commentary Changes

The Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) ~~operated over ten weeks between 18 November 2021 and 20 January 2022~~ **scheme operated between mid-February 2021 and mid-January 2022** and cost almost \$3 billion. It was a payment to help support viable and ongoing businesses or organisations that experienced a 30% drop in revenue due to a COVID-19 alert level increase to Level 2 or higher.

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Table A1.11: Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) as at 20 January 2022

Adapted from IRD 2023d

Period applied for	Name	Amount (\$)	Alert Level start date
15 Feb 2021 to 22 Feb 2021	First Resurgence Support Payment	110,283,465	15 Feb 2021
28 Feb 2021 to 12 Mar 2021	Second Resurgence Support Payment	90,367,010	28 Feb 2021
23 Jun 2021 to 29 Jun 2021	Third Resurgence Support Payment	6,909,084	23 Jun 2021
17 Aug 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Fourth Resurgence Support Payment	641,316,333	17 Aug 2021
8 Sep 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Fifth Resurgence Support Payment	386,691,195	17 Aug 2021
1 Oct 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Sixth Resurgence Support Payment	279,805,641	17 Aug 2021
22 Oct 2021 to 1 Dec 2021	Seventh Resurgence Support Payment	240,313,840	17 Aug 2021
5 Nov 2021 to 1 Dec 2021	Eighth Resurgence Support Payment	453,214,074	17 Aug 2021
19 Nov 2021	Ninth Resurgence Support Payment	386,507,294	17 Aug 2021
3 Oct 2021	Tenth Resurgence Support Payment – Transitional Payment	320,407,203	17 Aug 2021
Total		2,915,815,138	

Note: The sum of the payment amounts over the 10 periods is not equal to the total of all periods shown in the Excel (difference of -7,000)

Table A1.11: Resurgence Support Payment (RSP) as at ~~20 January 2022~~ 30 June 2024

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28 Feb 2021 to 12 Mar 2021	Second Resurgence Support Payment	90,367,010 90,225,857	28 Feb 2021
23 Jun 2021 to 29 Jun 2021	Third Resurgence Support Payment	6,909,084 6,916,836	23 Jun 2021
17 Aug 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Fourth Resurgence Support Payment	641,316,333 640,538,723	17 Aug 2021
8 Sep 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Fifth Resurgence Support Payment	386,691,195 386,698,998	17 Aug 2021
1 Oct 2021 to 1 Nov 2021	Sixth Resurgence Support Payment	279,805,641 279,947,408	17 Aug 2021
22 Oct 2021 to 1 Dec 2021	Seventh Resurgence Support Payment	320,407,203 <u>322,420,274</u>	17 Aug 2021
5 Nov 2021 to 1 Dec 2021	Eighth Resurgence Support Payment	240,313,840 240,827,068	17 Aug 2021
19 Nov 2021 to 1 Dec 2021	Ninth Resurgence Support Payment	453,214,074 454,541,838	17 Aug 2021
3 Oct 2021 to 9 Nov 2021	Tenth Resurgence Support Payment – Transitional Payment	386,507,294 388,005,400	17 Aug 2021
Total		2,915,815,138 2,920,133,358	

Note: The sum of the payment amounts over the 10 periods is not equal to the total of all periods shown in the Excel (difference of ~7,000)

Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS)

The Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS) cost over \$2 billion. The scheme was introduced to support small to medium businesses and organisations struggling with a loss of actual revenue due to COVID-19. The IRD administered the payments and repayments of this scheme. Businesses or organisations could submit an application through myIR. The loan repayment period was over five years. The loan was interest-free for two years, followed at

a rate of 3% per year over the last three years. The amount of the loan was initially \$10,000, but in February 2022, this figure increased to \$20,000 plus \$1800 per full-time equivalent employee (up to 50 employees). The last day for businesses and organisation to apply was 31 December 2023. (IRD, 2024)

Suggested SBCS Commentary changes

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The loan was interest-free for the first two years **as long as the loan did not go into default**. Interest was applied at a rate of 3% per year over the last three years. The amount of the loan was initially \$10,000 **plus \$1800 per full-time equivalent employee**, in February 2022, this figure increased to \$20,000 plus \$1800 per full-time equivalent employee (up to 50 employees). **In March 2022 a top up loan was introduced for existing SBCS borrowers. The top up loan was \$10,000 plus any amount the borrowers were eligible for but did not take in their first loan.** The last day for businesses and organisation to apply was 31 December 2023. (IRD, 2024)

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Table A1.12: COVID-19 Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS) as at 30 June 2023

Adapted from: IRD, 2020; 2021a; 2022d; 2023e

Affected revenue period	Number of new businesses	Amount (\$)
30 Jun 2020	85,248	1,428,026
30 Jun 2021	20,752	297,749
30 Jun 2022	22,000	537,545
30 Jun 2023	Not found	100,105
Total	128,000	2,363,425

Table A1.12: COVID-19 Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS) as at ~~30 June 2023~~ 30 June 2024

Affected revenue period	Number of new businesses Number of businesses which had SBCS loans approved	Amount (\$)
30 Jun 2020	85,248 77,095	1,428,026 1,428,500,649
30 Jun 2021	20,752 19,111	297,749 297,028,044
30 Jun 2022	22,000 28,209	537,545 540,090,015
30 Jun 2023	Not found 4,873	100,105 96,836,218
30 Jun 2024	Blank 40	Blank 903,200
Total	128,000 129,328	2,363,425 2,363,358,126

This table shows the number of distinct customers who received loan(s). It should be noted that a customer could take out a second loan or a top up loan if they met certain eligibility criteria.