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Dear 

On 25 May 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the total amounts paid for the Accommodation Supplement for each Territorial Local Authority (TLA) per year since 2008.

The Accommodation Supplement is a non-taxable benefit that provides assistance towards accommodation costs. It is available for people who rent, board or own their own home and a person does not have to be receiving a benefit to qualify. It is calculated using a formula that takes into account the geographical location, family size, accommodation costs, income and tenure type (renting, boarding or home ownership).

Further information about the Accommodation Supplement, including the entry thresholds and maximum payable rates, is available at the following link:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/accommodation-supplement.html

You will find enclosed a table which provides information regarding clients receiving the Accommodation Supplement, broken down by TLA for the month ending March 2008 to March 2016 inclusive.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely

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