



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 26 May 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many families currently living in Social Housing ki Tauranga are employed or on benefits – percentages*

Since 14 April 2014, the Ministry of Social Development has been responsible for managing applications for social housing, calculating and administering income-related rent, and referring clients to approved social housing providers. Information about the Social Housing Register can be accessed here:

<http://housing.msd.govt.nz/information-for-housing-providers/register/index.html>

The table below shows a breakdown of the main tenants of social housing in the Tauranga district by the type of benefit assistance, if any, that they receive. Please note that where low numbers may reveal an individual's identity the information has been suppressed to protect client privacy.

Benefit	Number of main tenants	Percentage of main tenants (per cent)
Jobseeker Support	199	16.4
New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension	239	19.7
Supported Living Payment	254	20.9
Sole Parent Support	186	15.3
Other Main Benefits	S	S
Non-Beneficiary Assistance	S	S
No Benefit	315	25.9
Total	1,216	100.0

Notes:

- Please note this table is the number of main tenants of social housing in the Tauranga District Territorial Local Authority and the type of benefit assistance, if any, that they receive as at 31 March 2016.
- Other Main Benefits includes Emergency Maintenance Allowance, Emergency Benefit and Jobseeker Support Student Hardship.

- Non-Beneficiary Assistance includes Orphan's Benefit, Unsupported Children's Benefit, Disability Allowance and Temporary Additional Support.
- No Benefit refers to clients not receiving benefit assistance from the Ministry of Social Development.
- S represents a suppressed cell to protect client privacy.

I hope you find this information helpful concerning social housing information in Tauranga. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Bound', followed by the initials 'RP'.

Ruth Bound
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