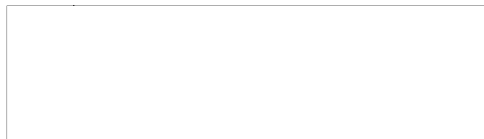




**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
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24 MAY 2017



Dear 

On 25 January and 14 February 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information relating to all emergency housing providers in the Waikato region and a list of all contracted emergency housing providers.

On 2 February 2017 your request was refined to the following: the dollar value amount of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (SNG) granted for a list of 23 motels in the Waikato region.

Further to our conversations, the data you sought was not standard reporting for the Ministry and therefore required further analysis and collation. I would like to extend my apologies for the delay in responding to your request and hope that this information provided is of help to you.

On 1 July 2016, the Government introduced a non-recoverable emergency housing Special Needs Grant (SNG) to help people who need emergency housing. This Emergency Housing SNG is payable for up to seven days to help individuals and families with emergency housing needs, while the Ministry works with the individual to investigate alternative housing options. In most cases this grant does not need to be repaid.

Further information regarding Emergency Housing SNGs is available on the Ministry's website: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/special-needs-grant/emergency-housing.html

In response to your request for data relating to a list of specific motels in the Waikato region, the Ministry can provide the two enclosed tables (table one and table two) which show the number and dollar value amount of Emergency Housing SNGs approved for accommodation in Hamilton, by quarter between 1 July 2016 and 31 March 2017. Please note that six of the motels you specified (Albert Court Motor lodge, Auto lodge motel, Astra Motor Lodge, Beetham Park Motel, Motel six, Fountain City Motor Inn and the Eagles Nest Backpackers) are not shown on these tables, meaning they either have not received payments for Emergency Housing SNGs or have not received any credit card or direct credit payments for Emergency Housing SNGs.

In 2016, the Ministry released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Housing, which sought to deliver up to 800 places across New Zealand at any one time. That RFP was intended to provide immediate financial support to existing emergency housing providers and closed in July 2016. Subsequently, in October 2016 the

Ministry issued an Invitation to Partner (ITP) for emergency housing accommodation providers to deliver an additional 1,400 emergency housing places and accompanying services throughout New Zealand at any one time. Previous to those processes, in 2015, the Ministry contracted providers to deliver short-term housing and associated support services in Auckland and Christchurch to support the needs of vulnerable individuals and families.

Contracted emergency housing places are available to clients with an urgent housing need for a stay of up to three months, with the possibility of a further three months support dependent on circumstances, while the Ministry works alongside contracted providers to help clients move towards sustainable long term housing.

Table three below, notes the emergency housing providers with whom the Ministry had an active contract as at 31st March 2017.

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 shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development'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 concerning Emergency Housing SNGs and contracted emergency housing providers with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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.

Yours sincerely



Scott Gallacher
Deputy Chief Executive Housing

Table One: Number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants approved for accommodation in Hamilton broken down by quarter.

Provider Name	Quarter Ending		
	30 September 2016	31 December 2016	31 March 2017
Abbots Hamilton - Hotel & Conference Centre	15	6	32
Anglesea Motel & Conference Centre	0	0	18
Ascot Lodge Motel	7	0	S
Ashwood Manor Motor Lodge	0	0	68
Backpackers Central - Central Lodge	S	0	0
Backpackers Central Hamilton	6	17	0
BJ's Budget Motor Inn	S	0	0
BK's Motor Lodge	0	S	S
BK's Settlers Motor Lodge	35	33	S
Cedar Lodge Motel	41	77	135
Classic Motel	54	28	12
Forty Winks New Zealand Accommodation Limited	S	S	S
Gardena Court Motel	46	67	73
Manhattan Lodge Motel	0	S	17
Park View Motor Lodge	0	S	0
Quality Hotel Ambassador	43	23	S
Tudor Motor Lodge	22	10	S
YHA Hamilton Microtel	31	20	8

Notes:

- This is a count of grants. A client can have more than one grant in the same time period.
- Emergency Housing assistance payments are granted as Special Needs Grants.
- The September quarter data includes Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants paid under the "Emergency Housing" need code and those paid under "Other" with client events identified as Emergency Housing related. The September quarter data should not be compared to future Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant data as it includes security deposits and is indicative only.
- 'S' represents a suppressed cell to protect client privacy.

Table Two: Dollar value of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants approved for accommodation in Hamilton broken down by quarter.

Provider Name	Quarter Ending		
	30 September 2016	31 December 2016	31 March 2017
Abbots Hamilton - Hotel & Conference Centre	\$14,713.00	\$6,560.00	\$34,876.00
Anglesea Motel & Conference Centre	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,980.00
Ascot Lodge Motel	\$2,927.00	\$0.00	S
Ashwood Manor Motor Lodge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,945.00
Backpackers Central - Central Lodge	S	\$0.00	\$0.00
Backpackers Central Hamilton	\$1,094.99	\$5,159.25	\$0.00
BJ's Budget Motor Inn	S	\$0.00	\$0.00
BK's Motor Lodge	\$0.00	S	\$6,510.00
BK's Settlers Motor Lodge	\$32,418.00	\$35,980.00	S
Cedar Lodge Motel	\$49,469.00	\$135,220.00	\$211,974.39
Classic Motel	\$42,856.71	\$30,265.80	\$12,011.00
Forty Winks New Zealand Accommodation Limited	S	\$1,085.00	S
Gardena Court Motel	\$39,508.50	\$86,387.00	\$86,800.00
Manhattan Lodge Motel	\$0.00	\$959.00	\$11,913.00
Park View Motor Lodge	\$0.00	S	\$0.00
Quality Hotel Ambassador	\$32,801.00	\$25,824.00	S
Tudor Motor Lodge	\$18,842.00	\$8,238.00	S
YHA Hamilton Microtel	\$9,109.14	\$6,752.20	\$4,552.00

Notes:

- This is the amount granted. The total amount granted may not be the same as the amount spent.
- Emergency Housing assistance payments are granted as Special Needs Grants.
- The September quarter data includes Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants paid under the "Emergency Housing" need code and those paid under "Other" with client events identified as Emergency Housing related. The September quarter data should not be compared to future Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant data as it includes security deposits and is indicative only.
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Table three: Emergency Housing Providers contracted by the Ministry of Social Development as at 31 March, 2017.

Contracted Emergency Housing Provider
Christchurch Methodist Central Mission
Comcare Charitable Trust
De Paul House
Emerge Aotearoa Limited
He Korowai Trust
Island Child Charitable Trust
James Liston Hostel
Koraunui Marae Charitable Trust
Link People
Monte Cecilia Housing Trust
Nga Whare Whakaruruhau o Aotearoa National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges Inc (NCIWR)
Ngati Awa Social and Health Services Trust
Ngati Hine Health Trust
Oasis Network Incorporated
Ranui Baptist Community Care
Schizophrenia Fellowship Wellington Branch Inc (Atareira)
Tai Tokerau Emergency Housing Charitable Trust
Te Manawanui Trust
Te Roopu O Te Whanau Rangimarie O Tamaki Makaurau
Te Runanga o Whaingaroa
Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
Te Tii (Waitangi) B3 Trust
Te Tuinga Whanau Support Services
Te Whakaruruhau 2013 Inc (WR)
The Lifewise Trust and Airedale Property Trust
The Salvation Army NZ Trust
Total Healthcare Charitable Trust - Gandhi Nevis
Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki Inc
VisionWest Community Trust
Waitomo Papakainga Development Society Inc
Wellington Night Shelter
Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust
Whanau Resource Centre o Pukekohe Charitable Trust