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Dear 

On 21 November 2019, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development's (the Ministry) media team requesting the following information:

1. *Payments made by the Te Puke WINZ office as emergency housing grants over the last one month / last quarter / last year.*
2. *Payments made by the Te Puke WINZ office for transitional housing over the same time periods (if any have been made).*
3. *The total amount of accommodation supplement payments that have been made by the Te Puke office over the last one month / last quarter / last year.*
4. *The number of people on social housing waiting list Priority A and B for the Te Puke area (as opposed to Western Bay wide) and if this number has increased over the last year. It would also be good to know the ethnicity and age split of people on the register.*

The media team was able to provide answers to questions one, two and three. Question four was transferred to the Ministry's Ministerial and Executive Services team to be answered under the Official Information Act 1982.

When New Zealanders need social housing, their needs are recorded on either the Housing Register or the Transfer Register. The number of applications on both registers are published on a quarterly basis, and the combined register is referred to as the Social Housing Register. The Housing Register shows people who are not currently in social housing but who have been assessed as eligible for social housing. The Transfer Register shows people already in social housing but who have applied to be rehoused. More information about the Housing Register and Transfer Register is available at the attached link: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html)

Please find these three tables attached that answer question four in full:

- **Table One:** Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by priority
- **Table Two:** Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by ethnicity
- **Table Three:** Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by age

In order to protect client privacy, some values are suppressed and are represented by 'S'. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs and public interest in the information.

Please note the ethnicity classification that is used to construct this table does not necessarily align with the current Statistics New Zealand classification of ethnicity. Ethnicity details recorded by the Ministry have been gathered under a varied of classification methods as clients come into contact with the Ministry. The ethnicity data may be self-identified based on an individual's preference or self-construct.

While the Ministry collects multiple ethnicities from clients, we only report a unique form of 'prioritised' ethnicity for core benefit data (one ethnic group per person with Māori coming first, Pacific groups second followed by other groups ending with NZ European).

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

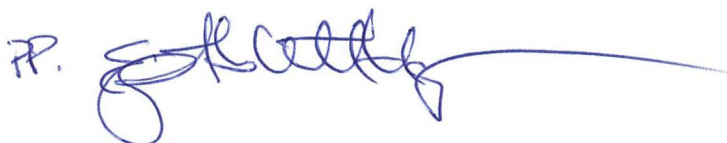
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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. 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 with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the Social Housing Register in Te Puke, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Hocking', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hocking  
**General Manager Housing**

**Table One: Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by priority**

Date	Register Type					Total
	Housing Register		Transfer Register			
	A	B	A	B		
December 2017	13	S	S	S	22	
March 2018	17	8	S	S	28	
June 2018	15	S	S	S	22	
September 2018	18	S	S	S	28	
December 2018	18	7	S	S	29	
March 2019	21	S	S	S	29	
June 2019	29	8	S	S	41	
September 2019	36	S	S	0	46	

**Notes for Table One:**

This includes applications both on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.

This only includes priority A and B applications as they stand at the end of each quarter. These may have changed following this date.

**Table Two: Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by ethnicity**

Date	Housing Register				Transfer Register		Total
	Ethnicity				Ethnicity		
	Māori	NZ European	Other	Unspecified	Maori	NZ European	
December 2017	14	S	S	0	S	0	22
March 2018	20	S	S	0	S	0	28
June 2018	14	S	S	S	S	0	22
September 2018	18	S	0	S	S	S	28
December 2018	19	S	S	S	S	S	29
March 2019	16	7	S	S	S	S	29
June 2019	25	9	S	S	S	S	41
September 2019	28	7	S	S	S	S	46

**Notes for Table Two:**

Ethnicity is the ethnicity of the primary applicant in the application and may not be the same as other applicants in the applications.

Please note that 'Other' and 'Unspecified' is only included under the Housing Register. This is because there was no data recorded for these categories in the Transfer Register.

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(one ethnic group per person with Māori coming first, Pacific groups second followed by other groups ending with NZ European)

**Table Three: Clients on the Social Housing Register with residential address in Te Puke as at the end of December 2017 to the end of September 2019 broken down by age**

Date	Age Group										Total	
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64		65+
December 2017	0	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	22
March 2018	0	S	S	0	S	9	S	S	S	0	0	28
June 2018	0	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	22
September 2018	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	28
December 2018	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	29
March 2019	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7	S	29
June 2019	0	0	S	S	S	8	S	S	S	6	S	41
September 2019	S	S	9	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	46

**Notes for Table Three:**

Age is the age of the primary applicant on the register application. The application may include additional applicants who are different ages.

**Notes for all tables:**

In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.

Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.

Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Residential address is the address of the primary applicant in the Register application and may not be the same for all applicants.