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Tēnā koe

On 21 April 2020, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) transferred your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982, to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry):

- *How many people are on the waiting list for state/social housing, what are their ethnicity breakdowns? Of those on the waiting list, how many are sick, disabled, and have children, and what local council and/or regional council boundaries are they located in?*

On 23 April 2020, the Ministry responded to the following part of your request:

- *How many people are on the waiting list for state/social housing, what are their ethnicity breakdowns?*

You were advised that most of this information is published on the Ministry of Social Development Benefit factsheets available here: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html>. Please note the information found online has figures broken down by region, ethnicity, household type (who has children).

On the same day, we requested clarification of the time period relating to your request. As you did not respond to our email, the Ministry has interpreted that you are requesting information for the quarter ending December 2019.

- *Of those on the waiting list, how many are sick, disabled, and what local council and/or regional council boundaries are they located in?*

Table One overleaf addresses the subsequent aspect of your request.

Table One: The number of applicants in receipt of either the Jobseeker Support - Health Condition & Disability (JS-HC&D) related benefit or the Supported Living Payment (SLP) benefit on the public housing register, by Territorial Local Authority (TLA), as at end of the December 2019 quarter.

Territorial Local Authority	SLP and JS-HC&D related
ASHBURTON DISTRICT	10
AUCKLAND SUPER CITY	2,313
BULLER DISTRICT	20
CARTERTON DISTRICT	S
CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT	17
CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT	S
CHRISTCHURCH CITY	597
CLUTHA DISTRICT	10
DUNEDIN CITY	93
FAR NORTH DISTRICT	66
GISBORNE DISTRICT	128
GORE DISTRICT	11
GREY DISTRICT	29
HAMILTON CITY	410
HASTINGS DISTRICT	157
HAURAKI DISTRICT	14
HOROWHENUA DISTRICT	47
HURUNUI DISTRICT	S
INVERCARGILL CITY	49
KAIKOURA DISTRICT	S
KAIPARA DISTRICT	15
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT	65
KAWERAU DISTRICT	6
LOWER HUTT CITY	190
MANAWATU DISTRICT	26
MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT	53
MASTERTON DISTRICT	26
MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT	18
NAPIER CITY	202
NELSON CITY	88
NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	85
OPOTIKI DISTRICT	11
OTOROHANGA DISTRICT	S
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY	219
PORIRUA CITY	96
QUEENSTOWN-LAKES DISTRICT	S
RANGITIKEI DISTRICT	10
ROTORUA DISTRICT	154

Territorial Local Authority	SLP and JS-HC&D
RUAPEHU DISTRICT	8
SELWYN DISTRICT	16
SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT	20
SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT	18
SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT	S
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT	S
STRATFORD DISTRICT	6
TARARUA DISTRICT	10
TASMAN DISTRICT	53
TAUPO DISTRICT	29
TAURANGA CITY	153
THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT	32
TIMARU DISTRICT	39
UPPER HUTT CITY	60
WAIKATO DISTRICT	67
WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT	22
WAIPA DISTRICT	29
WAIROA DISTRICT	13
WAITAKI DISTRICT	12
WAITOMO DISTRICT	10
WELLINGTON CITY	257
WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT	36
WESTLAND DISTRICT	8
WHAKATANE DISTRICT	40
WHANGANUI DISTRICT	87
WHANGAREI DISTRICT	137
UNKNOWN/OTHER	S
Total	6,431

Notes:

- JS-HC&D related benefits include Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability and Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability Hardship.
- Applicant Benefit Type is based on the main applicant's Benefit at the end of the period.
- This includes applications both on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.
- This only includes priority A and B applications on the register. The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the end of the quarter and may have changed prior to this date.
- Priority A are clients assessed as having a housing need priority rating of 'at risk'. The well-being of the household is being severely affected (or is seriously at risk) and there is an immediate need for action due to the unsuitability and/or adequacy of their current housing. Further, the household is unable to access and/or sustain suitable, adequate and affordable alternative housing.
- Priority B are clients assessed as having a rating of serious housing need. The well-being of the household has been affected in a significant and persistent way due to the unsuitability and/or inadequacy of their current housing. The household is

highly unlikely to be able to access and/or sustain suitable, adequate and affordable alternative housing.

- TLA is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have been categorised as unknown TLA/other TLA.
- 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 by an 'S' under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have also been replaced by an 'S'.

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 with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of applicants in receipt of Jobseeker Support-Health Condition & Disability related or Supported Living Payment benefits on the public housing register by Territorial Local Authority as at end of the December 2019 quarter, 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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