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Tēnā koe

On 16 June 2021, you emailed the Office of Hon David Parker requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please supply me with a list of industries which currently do not have the ability to deduct interest from loans for operational expenses.*
- *Please supply me with the waiting list number as at the date the Labour coalition came to office as well as the number on the waiting list as at 01/06/2021.*

On 16 June 2021, the second question of your request was transferred in part to the Office of Hon Poto Williams, Associate Minister of Housing for response as it was believed to be more closely connected to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

On 17 June 2021, the second question of your request was transferred the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) for response.

The Ministry does not record Housing Register information for exact dates as Social Housing Register reporting for the Ministry is completed at the end of each quarter. As such, the Ministry is unable to supply information for 6 November 2020, and 1 June 2021, and you agreed to accept month-end data, that is Housing Register numbers as at 31 October 2020, and 31 May 2021.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes Public Housing quarterly reports and monthly updates which include Housing Register information as at the end of the quarter and month. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is now or will soon be publicly available.

The most recent Public Housing updates produced by HUD can be found here:

[www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/)

Past Public Housing reports and updates produced by HUD which span over the period listed in your request can be found at the following link below:

[www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/public-housing-reports-archive/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/public-housing-reports-archive/)

The most recent information on the Housing Register and Transfer Register produced by the Ministry can be found at the following links below:

[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)

[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/transfer-register.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/transfer-register.html)

Historical information produced by the Ministry which spans over the period listed in your request can be found at the following link below:

[www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/archive/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/archive/index.html)

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, 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.

Ngā mihi nui,



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