



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 11 October 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25, between 2019-2021.*
- 2. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 broken down by ethnicity and gender of applicants, between 2019-2021.*
- 3. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 that were accepted/placed on the waiting list for housing, between 2019-2021.*
- 4. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 that were deemed eligible and were placed in a public house, between 2019-2021.*
- 5. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16 broken down by ethnicity and gender, between 2019-2021.*
- 6. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed in-eligible for public housing due to their age between 2019-2021.*
- 7. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed eligible and were placed on the waiting list for public housing between 2019-2021.*
- 8. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed eligible and were placed in a public house between 2019-2021.*

Please find responses to each individual part of your request below. Note, parts of your request have been grouped together where appropriate.

- 1. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25, between 2019-2021.*
- 2. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 broken down by ethnicity and gender of applicants, between 2019-2021.*

- 3. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 that were accepted/placed on the waiting list for housing, between 2019-2021.*

Please find the following data tables attached, which cover these aspects of your request:

- **Table 1:** The number of applicants in the Porirua Territorial Local Authority (TLA) aged 16-25 who entered the Public Housing Register from 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2021, broken down by quarter and ethnic group
- **Table 2:** The number of applicants in the Porirua TLA aged 16-25 who entered the Public Housing Register from 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2021, broken down by quarter and gender

The number of applications would also include applications that have been declined. Information for unsuccessful applications is not centrally recorded but is held in individual client files. In order to provide you with this information, Ministry staff would have to manually review thousands of client files. This aspect of your request is, therefore, refused under section 18(f) of the Act as it would require substantial manual collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

- 4. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals between the ages of 16-25 that were deemed eligible and were placed in a public house, between 2019-2021.*

Please find the following data table attached:

- **Table 3:** The number of applicants housed in the Porirua TLA aged 16-25 from 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2021, broken down by quarter
- 5. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16 broken down by ethnicity and gender, between 2019-2021.*
 - 6. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed in-eligible for public housing due to their age between 2019-2021.*
 - 7. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed eligible and were placed on the waiting list for public housing between 2019-2021.*
 - 8. The number of applications for public housing (all types) in the Porirua region, received from individuals under the age of 16, that were deemed eligible and were placed in a public house between 2019-2021.*

By law, the Ministry cannot accept public housing applications from people under the age of 16. Therefore, the number of applications for public housing from this age group is not recorded, and applications are declined. This information is, therefore, refused under section 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- 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 and attachments 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, 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

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