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Dear

On 9 March 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *2021 MSD Payments to emergency housing suppliers by quarters in excel format as per 2020 excel spread sheet. I would like this request to be updated on a six-monthly basis in the same format.*

Please find a spreadsheet attached which includes the following table:

- *List of suppliers with amount granted for Emergency Housing from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, broken down by supplier name and quarter*

The Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) is available to people who cannot remain in their usual place of residence, if any, and do not have access to other accommodation which is adequate for them or their family's needs. The Ministry pays EH SNGs directly to the accommodation supplier and assistance is generally granted for up to seven nights but can be extended dependant on individual circumstances.

The Ministry recognises that motels are not a long-term solution or the solution that we want to deliver for people who are potentially in a vulnerable situation. They provide a short-term solution while more sustainable options are progressed. More information about EH SNGs is available at the following link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/nowhere-to-stay/emergency-housing.html.

Should you wish to be provided with this information on a regular basis, MSD invites you to resubmit your request at a suitable time in the future.

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.

MSD fully supports those principles and purposes. MSD therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. MSD will do this by publishing this letter on its website. Your personal details will be deleted and MSD 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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