



17 November 2022

Tēnā koe

On 20 October 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Can you please supply me with the sums paid to Fei Huang Teng Da Ltd by MSD, being the operator of the Motel know as 315 Motel Riccarton situated at 315 Riccarton Road, Christchurch for the purposes of emergency housing.*
- *Can you please supply the sums paid on a monthly basis from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2022 inclusive.*

Demand for housing across New Zealand is growing and more people are experiencing a severe and immediate need. This demand is generated by a shortage of affordable housing driving up house prices and rents. People on low incomes are most affected by rising housing costs and many seek financial help through the Ministry.

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.

After these seven nights, Work and Income arrange another appointment with the client to discuss their housing situation and if another grant is required. The Ministry works hard to support people in emergency housing to secure a long-term housing solution, either through public housing or private rental accommodation. Other options including transitional housing can also be explored as an option depending on availability and the individual's 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](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/nowhere-to-stay/emergency-housing.html)

Please refer to **Appendix One** where you will find **Table One**, which contains the amount granted for EH SNGs to 315 Motel Riccarton, from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2022.

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'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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## Appendix One

**Table One:** The amount granted for Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants to 315 Motel Riccarton, from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2022.

<b>Registered Name</b>	<b>Supplier Name</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
315 Motel Riccarton	Fei Huang Teng Da Limited	<b>April 2021</b>	\$14,377.00
		<b>May 2021</b>	\$17,477.00
		<b>June 2021</b>	\$16,225.00
		<b>July 2021</b>	\$31,692.00
		<b>August 2021</b>	\$40,363.00
		<b>September 2021</b>	\$43,709.00
		<b>October 2021</b>	\$68,296.03
		<b>November 2021</b>	\$76,716.00
		<b>December 2021</b>	\$70,277.50
		<b>January 2022</b>	\$68,814.00
		<b>February 2022</b>	\$82,997.00
		<b>March 2022</b>	\$113,159.00
		<b>April 2022</b>	\$96,411.00
		<b>May 2022</b>	\$116,347.00
		<b>June 2022</b>	\$112,265.00
		<b>July 2022</b>	\$84,546.00
		<b>August 2022</b>	\$117,515.00
<b>September 2022</b>	\$104,411.00		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,275,597.53</b>

### Table Notes:

- The amount granted may not be the same as the amount spent.