



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

5 December 2023

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2023, requesting the following information:

- *The number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, the value and spent amount of said grants made to any entity operating out of, and accommodating people at: 5 Sponge Bay Rd, Gisborne.*
- *The operating entities may include, but not be limited to, Motel Oasis, Motel Oasis (2019)Ltd, or D W Group Ltd.*
- *Can I please have the information in a monthly breakdown for the period April 2021 to Dec 2023.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I note the follow up email we sent on 9 November 2023, regarding the timeframe your request covers. It was agreed the Ministry would provide you with data for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 October 2023.

However, I note your previous request, and we have found there was a payment that was not included in the data provided to you on 11 July 2023. This is due to the accommodation having two supplier codes in our system. As such, the Ministry has rerun the data for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2023 to include this payment made in the month of July 2022. I apologise for any inconvenience this error may have caused you.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which consists of a table showing the number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, amounts and distinct clients approved for supplier Motel Oasis and Oasis Accommodation, Gisborne in the period 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2023.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld 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.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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