



14 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 16 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *My request is to be provided with details of MSD payments made to Emergency Housing suppliers for the periods 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022. Please provide the information in Excel format as an update to the response dated 9 August 2022 which was provided to me as a result of my request dated 19 July 2022.*

Please see enclosed **Table One** in the attached Excel Spreadsheet, which outlines a list of Emergency Housing suppliers and the total amount of Emergency Housing Special Needs Granted, from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, broken down by quarter.

You will note that the registered supplier name is the name of the parent company of the accommodation supplier and not necessarily the name of the accommodation itself. One registered supplier may provide accommodation across multiple premises in different locations or trading names, receiving payment through the single supplier record.

You will also note that some suppliers may be listed due to a coding error when a client receives multiple assistance payments at one point in time, for example for petrol or groceries.

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 and attachments 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding information about MSD payments made to Emergency Housing suppliers for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 December 2022, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hocking', written in a cursive style.

Karen Hocking
**Group General Manager
Housing**