



19 June 2023

Tēnā koe

On 26 May 2023, the office of Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister for Housing and Urban Development transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *What is the total number of IRRS approved placements each year since December 2017?*
- *With regard to Q4 [above question], many IRRS placements have been approved each year for state housing and for social-housing-provider housing since December 2017?*

Income Related Rent (IRR) is the subsidised rent scheme for public housing tenants with low incomes. The Ministry administers calculation of IRR and notifies Public Housing providers (Kāinga Ora and Community Housing Providers) of IRR payable. The rate of IRR is calculated based on a household's assessable income and their household type. The Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) is the portion paid by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is the difference between the calculated IRR for the client's household and the approved market rent rate.

Further information regarding IRRS is available on the Work and Income website, here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/income-related-rent-subsidy/introduction.html. Information regarding the payment of IRRS for community housing providers with market rent is available at: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/income-related-rent-subsidy/subsidy-for-community-housing-providers-with-market-rent.html

The Ministry has interpreted your request to refer to the number of tenancies paying IRRS. Please contact the Ministry if this was not the intent of your request. You will note that the information provided is dynamic in nature. As such, the Ministry is providing you with monthly timeseries in response to your request.

Please note, to protect confidentiality, the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data. These

data tables have had random rounding where, values have been randomly rounded to the nearest multiple of 3. This is applied to all cell counts in the table. The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals. The published counts will never differ by more than two counts. Please see the attached **Excel spreadsheet** which contains the following tables:

- **Table One:** The numbers of tenancies paying Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) or market rent from January 2017 to April 2023, broken down by month, provider type, and Territorial Local Authority.
- **Table Two:** The number of tenancies paying Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) or market rent from January 2017 to April 2023, broken down by month, provider type, and Housing region.

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 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of tenancies paying IRRS or market rent, 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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