



7 November 2023

Tēnā koe

On 25 September, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *How many people have applied for TAA so far?*
2. *How many people have been declined?*
3. *How many people have been declined because their property is held in a trust?*

On 24 October 2023, the Ministry advised you that we needed more time to respond to your request, with a decision due to you by 9 November 2023.

Please find the below **Table** which shows the total number of clients with a Temporary Accommodation Assistance application as at 24 October 2023, broken down by application status.

Application status	Total
Decline	42
Other	102
Total	144

Notes:

- 'Other' includes granted/approved applications and applications being processed.
- This data is operational due to the current events and may not be replicable. This is an exception to the standard reporting guidelines.

Eleven of the declines were due to the property being in a trust. Please note that this information is not centrally reported on, but due to low numbers, the Ministry were able to review individual client files.

The Temporary Accommodation Assistance payments were set up as targeted support for a specific group of people, and the Ministry can only provide these payments when specific eligibility criteria are met. You can find more information about eligibility for Temporary Accommodation Assistance at the following link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/temporary-accommodation-assistance.html

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

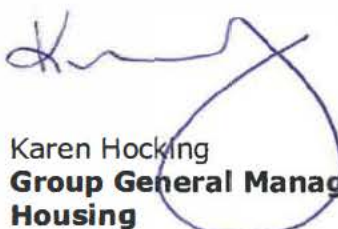
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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