



31 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 July 2024, requesting clarification on the Accommodation Supplement (ASUP) Area of Wellington following a discrepancy that you had identified on the Ministry's website.

The link to the Ministry website with the colour coded area map for ASUP¹ that you reference in your request has unclear colour coding which could seem to put Wellington into area 1 rather than area 2 as stated elsewhere by the Ministry.

After reviewing this map, I can confirm that the Wellington city region is listed in area 2. I have included a picture in the **Appendix** below which shows this. However, I acknowledge that the colour coding is not the most accessible colour range, and this feedback has been forwarded to the relevant staff in the Ministry to look into further.

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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¹ Found here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2017/budget-2017/new-regions.html

Appendix:

Reference Image

