



15 October 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2024 requesting information about Emergency Housing Grant (EHG) payments in Auckland during August 2024.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out below.

- 1. The EH SNG suppliers in the Auckland region for the period of August 2024;*

You have requested a list of emergency housing (EH) accommodation suppliers available in the Auckland region in August 2024.

The Ministry registers hardship suppliers for the purpose of facilitating payments on behalf of eligible clients. It is important to note registered supplier status does not indicate a contractual relationship between the Ministry and a supplier, or an endorsement of the services provided. The contractual relationship is between the client receiving the Emergency Housing Grant (EHG) and the emergency housing supplier. The Ministry's role is to grant EHG's for the cost of emergency housing.

The Ministry is unable to provide a list of EH suppliers in a certain area as businesses may provide a registered address that is different to the physical address of their service (for example, a PO Box).

The Ministry can instead provide a list of EH suppliers that received an EHG on behalf of a client with a registered address in the Auckland Super City Territorial Local Authority (TLA) area.

- 2. The total number of EH SNGs provided in the Auckland region for the period of August 2024; and*
- 3. The amount of EH SNGs granted in the Auckland region per supplier, for the period of August 2024."*

Please refer to **Appendix One**, which provides a table setting out the total number of EHG's provided in the Auckland TLA area, per registered supplier, for August

2024. The table also names the registered EH suppliers that received EHGs during the month of August 2024.

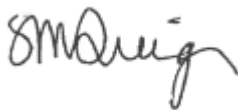
You will note that information regarding some of the individuals in the table is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect their privacy. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information. Cells with 'S' are those where data has been suppressed to protect identification of individuals and is applied to values less than six.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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