



29 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 12 September 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, which was partially transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting:

- *Data on the waiting lists for government rental properties (public housing) specifically for Māori whānau, broken down by region, since January 2020 and year to date. Please provide any other data such as single parents and how many children if possible.*

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

The Social Housing Register consists of the Housing Register and the Transfer Register. The Housing Register records those who are not currently in Public Housing but who have been assessed as eligible for Social Housing. The Transfer Register represents those already in Social Housing who are eligible to be rehoused, generally due to a change in circumstances prompting a move to somewhere more appropriate to their needs.

Please find attached **Appendix One** containing the following tables:

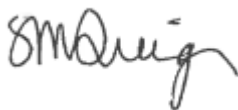
- **Table 1:** Number of Māori primary applicants on Social Housing register as at end of quarter between the period from January 2020 to September 2024, by quarter ending and housing region.
- **Table 2:** Number of Māori primary applicants with children on Social Housing register as at end of quarter between the period from January 2020 to September 2024, by quarter ending, housing region and number of children.
- **Table 3:** Number of single Māori primary applicants with children on Social Housing register as at end of quarter between the period from January 2020 to September 2024, by quarter ending, housing region and number of children.

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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