



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 22 June 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many families are on the waitlist for the Dunedin area that are currently homeless, in motels or 'couch surfing'?*

On 26 June 2017, the Ministry confirmed that you would like the most recent data as at 30 June 2017, and you were made aware that there would be a delay with providing you a response as the data was not yet available.

The following table shows the number of applications on the Social Housing Register for the Dunedin City Territorial Local Authority as at 30 June 2017, broken down by housing type. The housing type recorded for a social housing application is based on the application responses provided by the main applicant at the time they applied. This may not reflect the situation of all household members included in the application. While waiting to be placed in social housing they may also be placed in emergency or temporary accommodation, meaning their circumstances may have changed subsequently.

The table includes the housing types that have been recorded for at least one application. There are no applications recorded with the following housing types: 'Garage', 'Homeless - In a public place', 'Homeless - Other', 'Homeless or night shelter', 'Hospital', 'Institution - Prison or Hospital', 'Marae', 'Mobile Home - Caravan', 'Refugee centre', 'Rehabilitation Centre', 'Respite Care', 'Sleeping rough', 'Women's Refuge', 'Tent'.

In order to protect client privacy, values fewer than six are suppressed and are represented by 'S'. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The number of applications on the Social Housing Register for the Dunedin City Territorial Local Authority as at 30 June 2017, broken down by housing type at the time of application.

Housing type	Total
Boarding	11
Private rental	34
Social housing	25
Car	S
Emergency Housing Provider (Contracted)	S
Emergency housing	S
Emergency Housing Provider (Non-Contracted)	S
Motel/Hotel/Campground	S
Prison	S
Temp sharing - Staying with friends / family	12
Total	96

Notes:

- This only includes priority A and B applications on both the Housing Register and the Transfer Register. The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at 30 June 2017, and may have changed prior to this date.
- The Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at 30 June 2017.
- There may be ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through the suburb and city details, therefore have an unknown TLA.
- This includes all applications entering the Social Housing Register and may include incomplete or duplicate applications that are subsequently cancelled.

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 available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development'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 concerning the Social Housing Register for Dunedin, 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gallacher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Gallacher
Deputy Chief Executive, Housing