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Dear [REDACTED]

On 30 July 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of applicants from Lower Hutt City on the Social Housing Register between September 2017 and July 2018, broken down by month and priority A and B.

The Social Housing Register is made up of two registers: the Housing Register and the Transfer Register. People who have been assessed and are eligible for public housing go on the Housing Register. Existing public housing tenants who have applied to transfer to another home as the one they are currently in no longer suits their needs are placed on the Transfer Register.

The table below shows the number of applications on the Social Housing Register in the Lower Hutt City Territorial Local Authority (TLA) broken down by month, register type and priority.

Month ending	Housing Register		Transfer Register		Total Social Housing Register		
	A	B	A	B	A	B	Total
September 2017	129	69	57	43	186	112	298
October 2017	157	61	54	42	211	103	314
November 2017	162	63	55	48	217	111	328
December 2017	176	70	64	46	240	116	356
January 2018	190	73	66	42	256	115	371
February 2018	234	71	65	47	299	118	417
March 2018	269	80	70	47	339	127	466
April 2018	258	74	78	50	336	124	460
May 2018	259	98	77	54	336	152	488
June 2018	255	105	68	53	323	158	481
July 2018	254	87	66	58	320	145	465

Notes:

- The A and B priority applications in this table are as at the end of each month and may have changed prior to these dates.
- TLA is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA and are not included in this table.

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 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 regarding the Social Housing Register, 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,



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