



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear [REDACTED]

On 2 November 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, details regarding Transitional Housing Providers and emergency housing in Porirua the during last 24 months.

As you will be aware, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development work to ensure people have their immediate housing needs met. Temporary accommodation is primarily provided in the form of Transitional Housing and Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNGs).

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development works with a range of non-governmental organisations to provide Transitional Housing services. The Ministry contracts these providers to ensure access to appropriate short term accommodation as a stepping stone to long-term, sustainable housing. The part of your request which relates to Transitional Housing has been transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

When no suitable Transitional Housing is available, the Ministry of Social Development can help meet the cost of short-term accommodation with an EH SNG. The EH SNG was introduced on 1 July 2016 in order to fund temporary accommodation at places such as hostels and motels to meet people's immediate housing needs. In most cases an EHSNG does not need to be paid back.

Please find attached a table providing the number of EH SNGs from the December 2016 quarter to the September quarter 2018. Please note that the location of EH SNGs is recorded according to the Work and Income site at which it was issued. As such, an EH SNG may be issued for a client seeking accommodation in a different area. Following is a list of motels in Porirua that have received an Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant payment on behalf of a client.

- Anju Trust Limited / Amethyst Court Motor Lodge
- Aqua Pi Holdings Ltd / Marina Motor Lodge
- Ark Hotels Limited / Dupont Motel
- Bakker Motels Ltd / Mana Motel
- Belmont Consulting Limited
- Moana Lodge Ltd
- Motel 22
- P & P Chinnery Partnership / Aotea Lodge
- Pangea Travel New Zealand / Ocean Motel
- Wellington Motel 747 Limited
- Wen & Ning Ltd / Newlands Court Motel

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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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Transitional Housing and Emergency Housing SNGs in Porirua, 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.

Yours sincerely



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**Number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants issued in Porirua from the December quarter 2016 to the September quarter 2018.**

<b>Quarter ending</b>	<b>Number of grants</b>	<b>Number of Distinct Clients</b>
December 2016	56	32
March 2017	88	43
June 2017	48	20
September 2017	11	8
December 2017	31	18
March 2018	81	39
June 2018	146	52
September 2018	137	49

**Note:**

- A client may have more than one grant during the period specified.
- The site recorded is that where the recommending case manager for the application was based at the time of grant.