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On 24 September 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *IRRS total payments and number of applicants. If it possible to get the number of people supported by the applicant's payment that would be useful.*
- *Period January 18 to December 18*
- *Period January 19 to most recent period that is complete e.g. July*
- *Waikato Region by territorial authority*

The Social Housing Register, which included the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS), was transferred to the Ministry in April 2014. Income Related Rent (IRR) is the subsidised rent scheme for social housing tenants with low incomes. The rate of IRR is calculated based on a household's assessable income and their household type. IRRS is the portion paid by the Ministry and is the difference between the calculated IRR for the client's household and the approved market rent rate. Further information regarding IRRS is available on the Ministry's Housing website at: <http://www.housing.msd.govt.nz/>.

Please find enclosed a table that shows the number of Income Related Rent Subsidies (IRRS) and the number of occupants for the quarters ending 31 March 2018 to 30 June 2019 for Territorial Level Authorities (TLA) in the Waikato Region.

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 and attachments 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 Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS), 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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Table one: Income Related Rent Subsidies (IRRS) for the quarters ending 31 March 2018 to 30 June 2019 for Territorial Level Authorities (TLA) in the Waikato Region.

Quarter ending		Total Occupants	Tenancies
March 2018	Hamilton City	7,596	2,884
	Hauraki District	235	100
	Matamata-Piako District	448	161
	Otorohanga District	72	33
	South Waikato District	88	33
	Taupo District	449	155
	Thames-Coromandel District	503	207
	Waikato District	1,017	364
	Waipa District	505	211
	Waitomo District	194	90
June 2018	Hamilton City	7,746	2,922
	Hauraki District	238	102
	Matamata-Piako District	464	161
	Otorohanga District	69	32
	South Waikato District	86	34
	Taupo District	458	156
	Thames-Coromandel District	492	205
	Waikato District	1,022	366
	Waipa District	513	211
	Waitomo District	186	86
September 2018	Hamilton City	7,706	2,939
	Hauraki District	244	106
	Matamata-Piako District	468	161
	Otorohanga District	77	34
	South Waikato District	95	36
	Taupo District	468	159
	Thames-Coromandel District	485	206
	Waikato District	1,057	371
	Waipa District	518	213
	Waitomo District	190	90
December 2018	Hamilton City	7,737	2,945
	Hauraki District	245	107
	Matamata-Piako District	471	163
	Otorohanga District	83	35
	South Waikato District	98	36
	Taupo District	467	162
	Thames-Coromandel District	482	206

Quarter ending		Total Occupants	Tenancies	
	Waikato District	1,075	376	
	Waipa District	515	212	
	Waitomo District	187	90	
March 2019	Hamilton City	7,800	2,964	
	Hauraki District	244	105	
	Matamata-Piako District	468	163	
	Otorohanga District	80	34	
	South Waikato District	94	36	
	Taupo District	459	159	
	Thames-Coromandel District	478	207	
	Waikato District	1,062	372	
	Waipa District	518	211	
	Waitomo District	189	89	
	June 2019	Hamilton City	8,013	3,014
		Hauraki District	243	107
Matamata-Piako District		446	160	
Otorohanga District		82	35	
South Waikato District		94	35	
Taupo District		442	156	
Thames-Coromandel District		476	210	
Waikato District		1,081	377	
Waipa District		530	213	
Waitomo District		192	90	

Notes:

- This is a count of Tenancies; one Tenancy can be represented in multiple quarters.
- The Waikato Region consists of the following Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs): Hamilton City, Hauraki District, Matamata-Piako District, Otorohanga District, South Waikato District, Taupo District, Thames-Coromandel District, Waikato District, Waipa District and Waitomo District.
- The Ministry's reporting on IRRS is approximated based on the tenants assessed Income Related Rent. While it gives an indication of who is eligible to receive IRRS, it may not be the same number of households that are actually receiving IRRS
- There is a delay from when a change to a clients IRR affects their actual receipt of that subsidy and as such numbers from IRRS invoices will differ.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the tenancy address. TLA is defined under the Local Government Act 2002 as a city council or district council.

- Tenancy address records that are not geocoded are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA.
- There is sometimes a delay in tenancy information reaching MSD and as such tenancy numbers may not align with HNZ and CHP tenancy numbers at a point in time.
- The Ministry has made improvements to the reporting of this data and as such some numbers may differ from those previously published.