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On 10 February 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

Social Housing Register data, broken down by ethnicity, for the following Auckland City Boards: Franklin, Howick, Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Otata-Papatoetoe, and Papakura.

Demand for housing across New Zealand is growing and more people are experiencing a severe and immediate need. This demand is generated by a shortage of affordable housing driving up house prices and rents. People on low incomes are most affected by rising housing costs and many seek financial help through the Ministry.

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on either the Housing Register or the Transfer Register. The numbers of applications on both Registers are published on a quarterly basis, and the combined register is referred to as the Social Housing Register. The Housing Register shows people who are not currently in public housing but who have been assessed as eligible for public housing. The Transfer Register shows people already in public housing but who have applied to be rehoused. More information about the Housing Register is available here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html.

Please find enclosed a table that shows the number of applicants on the Social Housing Register in Franklin, Howick, Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Otara, Papatoetoe and Papakura Auckland City Boards in 2019, broken down by quarter and ethnicity.

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. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and

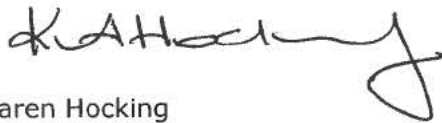
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the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 in relation to the Social Housing Register for Auckland City Boards, 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 black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hocking', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Hocking
General Manager, Housing

Table One: Number of applications on the Social Housing Register in Franklin, Howick, Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Otara, Papatoetoe and Papakura Auckland City Boards in 2019, by quarter and ethnicity of main applicant.

Ethnic group	As at end of March 2019			As at end of June 2019			As at end of September 2019			As at end of December 2019		
	Social Housing Register		Total	Social Housing Register		Total	Social Housing Register		Total	Social Housing Register		Total
	Housing	Transfer		Housing	Transfer		Housing	Transfer		Housing	Transfer	
New Zealand Māori	742	180	922	769	175	944	817	205	1,022	892	236	1,128
Pacific People	758	195	953	769	232	1,001	829	263	1,092	843	292	1,135
New Zealand European/Pākehā	143	27	170	150	28	178	154	31	185	172	32	204
Other	195	33	228	203	37	240	218	39	257	229	49	278
Unspecified	76	11	87	88	12	100	106	8	114	111	7	118
Total	1,914	446	2,360	1,979	484	2,463	2,124	546	2,670	2,247	616	2,863

Notes:

- This only includes priority A and B applications.
- Applicants on the Social Housing Register are ranked by priority. Priority A applicants are people considered 'at risk' and include households with a severe and persistent housing need that must be addressed immediately. Priority B applicants are people who have a 'serious housing need' and include households with a significant and persistent need.
- The A and B priority applications used in this table is at the end of the month and may have changed prior to this date.
- This only includes Franklin, Howick, Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Otara, Papatoetoe and Papakura Auckland City Boards.
- Ethnicity is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept. Multiple ethnicities are then prioritised into a hierarchy. The Māori ethnicity has the highest priority in this hierarchy, followed by Pacific Peoples. NZ European has the lowest priority. This is to ensure that smaller ethnic groups do not get overwhelmed by the larger ethnic groups. A single ethnicity is assigned to an individual based on this hierarchy.
- Ethnic groups do not currently align with Statistics New Zealand ethnic groupings.