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On 14 December 2020, you emailed Kāinga Ora requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information on the Housing register from 2001 onwards:

- *Total number of people on the Housing Register (A Priority, B Priority, Total),*
- *Total number of people on the Housing Register (A+B, and Total) by ethnicity,*
- *Total number of people in state housing by ethnicity, and*
- *Total number of people on the Housing Register (A+B, and Total) by TLA.*

On 20 January 2021, Kāinga Ora transferred part of your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) under section 14 of the Act. The Ministry will be responding to your request for data from 2014 onwards.

On 28 January 2021, the Ministry contacted you to inform you that information for 2015 onwards has been made publicly available on the Ministry's website here: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/archive/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/archive/index.html).

Later that day, you responded to clarify that that you are after the following information that is not publicly available on the Ministry's website:

1. *Monthly A+B priority counts for January 2014 to September 2016*
2. *Monthly total waiting list counts for January 2014 to present*
3. *Prioritised ethnicity of main applicant, June 2014, September 2014, December 2014*
4. *Age of main applicant, June 2014, September 2014, December 2014*
5. *Household composition, June 2014 to June 2015 (inclusive).*

The Ministry is unable to provide you with the information you have requested as monthly data. Monthly data reporting is not standard reporting practise for the Ministry; however, the Ministry can provide you with the data you have requested regarding the Housing Register and Transfer Register, broken down by quarter's ending, from June 2014 to June 2015.

The Ministry is unable to provide you with information on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register for dates prior to the quarter ending June 2014 as the Ministry does not hold this information. Any information prior to April 2014 is held in a system that

is owned by Kāinga Ora and the Ministry is unable to retrieve this information. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

Please find the information requested attached in **Appendix A** which contains **Table One** to **Table Six**, showing the number of applications on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register, broken down by different categories and by quarter, for the period June 2014 to June 2015.

In order to protect client privacy, some values 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 the information.

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

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of applicants on the Housing Register and Transfer 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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## Appendix A:

**Table One: The number of applications on the Housing Register, broken down by household composition and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

Household Composition	June 2014	September 2014	December 2014	March 2015	June 2015
Couple only	208	206	184	182	170
Couple only and other person(s)	S	S	S	S	S
Couple with child(ren)	692	553	487	444	364
Couple with child(ren) and other person(s)	40	45	34	31	27
Household of related and unrelated people	0	S	S	0	0
Household of related people	53	71	44	46	42
Household of unrelated people	8	8	6	S	S
One parent with child(ren)	2046	1742	1441	1360	1269
One parent with child(ren) and other person(s)	177	150	138	120	107
One-person household	1399	1408	1318	1368	1366
Other multi-person household nfd	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4630</b>	<b>4189</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>3562</b>	<b>3352</b>

### Notes:

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Housing Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.
- 'Household composition' is based on the people included in the application and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
- The Ministry has improved reporting on 'household composition' and applied it to Housing Register data published from September 2015 onward. Therefore, the categorisation of households in this data is different from the classification currently used by the Ministry.

**Table Two: The number of applications on the Housing Register, broken down by age group of the main application and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

Age Group	June 2014	September 2014	December 2014	March 2015	June 2015
16	0	S	S	S	S
17	9	12	7	S	S
18-19	116	81	58	78	72
20-24	676	528	432	394	344
25-29	733	597	483	470	432
30-34	561	480	455	387	387
35-39	483	462	406	394	365
40-44	507	456	383	379	345
45-49	403	399	383	399	372
50-54	385	390	353	328	322
55-59	253	261	223	237	238
60-64	203	218	188	197	178
65+	273	291	279	286	286
Unspecified	28	S	S	S	S
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4630</b>	<b>4189</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>3562</b>	<b>3352</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Housing Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.

**Table Three: The total number of applications on the Housing Register, broken down by prioritised ethnicity of the main applicant and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>June 2014</b>	<b>September 2014</b>	<b>December 2014</b>	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>June 2015</b>
NZ European	1039	1003	884	853	861
Māori	1896	1636	1478	1450	1355
Pacific Peoples	925	820	654	631	547
Other	685	661	589	582	552
Unspecified	85	69	53	46	37
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4630</b>	<b>4189</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>3562</b>	<b>3352</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Housing Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.
- Reporting of ethnicity is voluntary and is based on the prioritised self-reported ethnicity of the main applicant.

**Table Four: The total number of applications on the Transfer Register, broken down by Household Composition and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

Household Composition	June 2014	September 2014	December 2014	March 2015	June 2015
Couple only	57	58	57	55	49
Couple only and other person(s)	S	S	S	S	S
Couple with child(ren)	283	333	290	255	242
Couple with child(ren) and other person(s)	35	40	37	32	28
Household of related and unrelated people	S	S	S	S	S
Household of related people	32	42	50	47	39
Household of unrelated people	S	S	S	S	S
One parent with child(ren)	451	519	471	465	448
One parent with child(ren) and other person(s)	80	115	88	83	85
One-person household	261	292	305	299	292
Other multi-person household nfd	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1189</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Transfer Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.
- 'Household composition' is based on the people included in the application and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
- The Ministry has improved reporting on 'household composition' and applied it to Housing Register data published from September 2015 onward. Therefore, the categorisation of households in this data is different from the classification currently used by the Ministry.



**Table Five: The total number of applications on the Transfer Register, broken down by age group and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

Age Group	June 2014	September 2014	December 2014	March 2015	June 2015
18-19	S	S	S	0	0
20-24	50	64	58	46	48
25-29	118	151	141	132	105
30-34	158	210	184	170	166
35-39	172	185	163	173	172
40-44	179	175	164	155	155
45-49	140	174	159	144	144
50-54	109	124	116	118	104
55-59	83	95	85	92	93
60-64	77	92	88	78	80
65+	S	S	S	S	122
Unspecified	S	S	S	S	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1189</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Transfer Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.

**Table Six: The total number of applications on the Transfer Register, broken down by proposed ethnicity of the main applicant and by quarter in the period June 2014 to June 2015.**

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>June 2014</b>	<b>September 2014</b>	<b>December 2014</b>	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>June 2015</b>
NZ European	265	303	289	277	269
Māori	414	495	455	453	441
Pacific Peoples	291	331	289	262	238
Other	225	262	255	239	231
Unspecified	15	19	18	15	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1189</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes A and B priority applications on the Transfer Register.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of registering applications for social housing. The application priority may have changed prior to this date.
- Reporting of ethnicity is voluntary and is based on the prioritised self-reported ethnicity of the main applicant.