



21 March 2022

Tēnā koe

On 21 February 2022, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The number of children aged 0-17 inclusive, the number of people aged 18-25 inclusive, and total number of people in a Community Housing Provider public housing broken down by ethnicity*
- *Number of CHP tenancies (at 31 dec 2021) where lead tenant is 18-25*
- *Number of CHP tenancies where household contains children at 31 Dec 21*
- *Number of CHP tenancies (at 31 dec 2021) where lead tenant is 18-25, broken down by ethnicity of lead tenant*
- *Number of CHP tenancies where household contains children at 31 Dec 21 broken down by ethnicity of lead tenant*
- *I know I have asked for similar requests before, however, the information was not complete and done so in percentages, if possible could I have the information done in real numbers instead, or if not possible and it must be done in percentages, could I have the total number so that I am able to gain a full picture of the information provided.*

On 21 March 2022, the Ministry emailed you to advise you that more time was required for necessary consultations. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act, the due date of your request was extended to 5 April 2022.

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.

The Ministry is unable to provide you with the number of children aged 0-17 inclusive, in a tenancy with a Community Housing Provider, broken down by ethnicity, as the Ministry does not record the ethnicity of children. As such, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or interdepartmental Venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

However, the Ministry can provide you with the tenancy composition at the time of application for tenancies with a Community Housing Provider.

Please see enclosed an Excel Spreadsheet which provides the following two tables:

- **Table One:** The number of Public Housing tenancies with a Community Housing Provider, as at 31 December 2021, broken down by age and ethnicity.
- **Table Two:** The number of Public Housing tenancies with a Community Housing Provider, as at 31 December 2021, broken down by children included and ethnicity.
- **Table Three:** Tenancy composition at the time of application for tenancies with a Community Housing Provider, as at 31 December 2021.

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 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 Community Public Housing, 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.

Ngā mihi nui


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