



18 February 2022

Tēnā koe

On 22 November 2021, you emailed the Office of Hon Peeni Henare requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *These reports listed in Parliamentary Written Question reply 51189 (2021):*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date received</b>
AMC21/22090049 - Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee – Assessment of urgent housing need in Hamilton City and the Wellington metropolitan area	27 September 2021
AMI21/22090657 - Housing Provider Meeting Thursday 30 September	29 September 2021
BRF20/21081066 - Options to Modernise First Home Products	29 September 2021
Meeting with Tāmaki Makaurau Response Collective-30 September COVID-19 response	30 September 2021
BRF21 22091120/REP21-9 1043 - Emergency Housing System Review Assessment of the current emergency housing system and areas for improvement	04 October 2021
Demand for the Public Housing Register and Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants in 2021	05 October 2021
Meeting with Tāmaki Makaurau Response Collective-8 October COVID-19 response	08 October 2021
Meeting with National Iwi Chairs Forum COVID-19 response - 08 October	08 October 2021
Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga - Cross Agency Engagement and Communications Plan and Event Brief	11 October 2021

- *In addition to the above, please provide the full names of every report listed in WPQ 51189 (2021) with a name that has been withheld.*

On 24 November, you were advised that part of your request, namely the documents related to emergency housing, was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) as the information is more closely connected to the Ministry's functions.

On 22 December 2021, the Ministry informed you that more time was required to respond to your request due to further consultations.

In the interests of clarity, the requested documents will be addressed in turn.

*1. REP/21/9/992 Demand for the Public Housing Register and Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants in 2021*

Please find REP/21/9/992 attached. You will note that some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act as it is under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

You will also note that some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. The greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

Additionally, the names of some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

*2. REP/21/9/1043 Emergency Housing System Review – Assessment of the Current Emergency Housing System and Areas for Improvement*

Please find REP/21/9/1043 attached. This report is part of a wider piece of ongoing work. As such, some information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act because it is under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

Additionally, the names of some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this 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 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 and

attachments on the Ministry'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 on reports listed in Written Parliamentary Question reply 51189, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Magnus O'Neill  
**General Manager**  
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