



29 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 3 June 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information in relation to the response published on the Ministry's website dated 4 April 2022:

- *My request is to be provided with updated information for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022 in excel format as per the 2021 calendar year excel spread sheet published on the MSD website. My request is to be provided with reasons as to why none of my numerous OIA requests to MSD have been published on the MSD website*

Please see enclosed **Table One** in the attached the Excel Spreadsheet, which outlines a list of Emergency Housing suppliers and the total amount of Emergency Housing Special Needs Granted, from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2022, broken down by quarter.

You will note that the registered supplier name is the name of the parent company of the accommodation supplier, and not necessarily the name of the accommodation itself. One registered supplier may provide accommodation across multiple premises in different locations or trading names, receiving payment through the single supplier record.

You will also note that some suppliers may be listed due to a coding error when a client receives multiple assistance payments at one point in time, for example for petrol or groceries.

In regard to the second part of your request, the Ministry assesses the information released to determine whether it is suitable for general publication. Given the personal nature of your requests, a decision was made to not publish your requests for privacy reasons.

Furthermore, agencies are encouraged by the Public Service Commission to consider publication of official information responses but there is no obligation to do so.

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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding updated information for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022 in excel format as per the 2021 calendar year excel spread sheet published on the Ministry's website, 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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