



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

14 November 2023

Tēnā koe

On 19 October 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Are you able to provide quarterly data from Q1 2020 to Q2 2023 regarding housing register applicants in Wairarapa? Specifically the number of applicants housed each quarter and the mean and median time to house (in days).*
- *By Wairarapa I meant the three TLAs: Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa.*

Please see **Table One** in the attached **Appendix** which shows the number of primary applicants housed and the mean and median time to house from the Housing Register for the period 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2023, broken down by quarter ending.

You will note that some information regarding some individuals is 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 regarding Housing Register applicants in Wairarapa, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'PP. Karen Hocking', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hocking  
**Group General Manager  
Housing**