

23 November 2023

Tēnā koe

On 27 October 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I would like to know (by region):*

- *the number of successful applications*
- *the number of unsuccessful applications*

*to the North Island Weather Events - Temporary Accommodation Assistance Programme*

Temporary Accommodation Assistance (TAA) is intended to provide help to eligible homeowners:

- whose home they usually live in was damaged by a severe weather event and they can no longer live in their home.
- who have homeownership costs and temporary accommodation costs.
- whose insurance cover for temporary accommodation has expired.

You can find further information regarding TAA at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-accommodation-assistance-niwe/introduction.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-accommodation-assistance-niwe/introduction.html).

Please see the **Appendix** which provides the number of TAA applications processed (grants and declines) as at 30 October 2023, broken down by application status and region.

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,

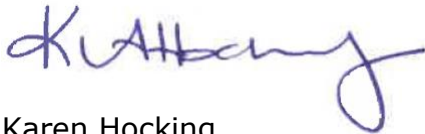
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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'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 Temporary Accommodation Assistance, 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



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## Appendix

Number of Temporary Accommodation Assistance applications processed (grants and declines) as at 30 October 2023, by application status and region

Region	Grant	Decline	Total Applications Processed (Grants + Declines)
Auckland	72	30	102
Bay of Plenty	0	S	S
Central	0	S	S
East Coast	12	6	18
Waikato	0	S	S
Wellington	0	S	S
West Coast Tasman	S	S	S
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>129</b>

### Notes:

- This data is operational due to the current events and may not be replicable. This is an exception to the standard reporting guidelines.
- Region is based on the location of damaged property.
- Applications that are being processed as at 30 October 2023 have been removed from the table. Only applications that have been processed (granted or declined) have been included.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.

- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
- Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.