



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

4 October 2023

Tēnā koe

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

I want to do a information request to find out how much money msd and NZ government have spent on emergency housing 2016 to today's date 19th September 2023 I no it's over 365 million dollars a year on emergency housing it's regards to a story I'm putting together about emergency housing and the NZ housing Crisis the NZ Government made regards

Please see **Appendix One** containing **Table One**, which shows total spend on emergency housing by financial year, for the years 2016 - 2022. This information was compiled from publicly available Annual Review answers, which you can find at the following links:

- 2021/22 Annual Review (refer to question 270, p133):
https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCSS_EVI_127528_SS5240/5bb09bc1a83e5bd3396f8d0b9f92fb86e85e984d
- 2021/22 Annual Review (refer to Appendix 12 Question 221, page 128) (refer to Appendix 14, question 270 p127):
https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCSS_EVI_127528_SS5241/70b870c2ee9dc592ddb75dd769e679f35d54f449 (PDF, 3MB)

For the year ending 30 June 2023, this will be included in the Ministry's annual review, which will be published in due course on the Parliament website:
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/social-services-and-community/>.

However, statistical information regarding spending on emergency housing for this period is available on the Ministry of Social Development website. In particular, the *Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant Monthly Time Series* spreadsheet on this link includes total amount spent per month:

- Monthly housing register which provides a comparison of the current month with the previous month: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/monthly-housing-reporting.html>

In case it is of interest to you, there is also information broken down by territorial local authority available at the following link:

- Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant by territorial authority and demographics of primary client, reported quarterly: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/emergency-housing.html>.

Additionally, you may be interested in the following response to an Official Information Act request that has been published on the Ministry's website:

- [Statistics for Emergency Housing in NZ for the period 2017 - 2022 \(PDF 750.3KB\)](https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2022/responses-to-oia-requests-september-2022.html) (see [data tables](#)) (website: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2022/responses-to-oia-requests-september-2022.html>)

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

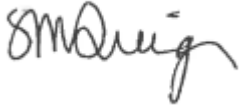
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Emergency 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Quigan', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Quigan
Manager
Official Information Team

Appendix One: Table One: total spend on emergency housing by financial year, for the years 2016 - 2022

Year ending	Emergency Housing SNGs	
	grants	total amount granted (\$m)
30 June 2017	31,637	30.769
30 June 2018	30,714	32.521
30 June 2019	70,531	92.844
30 June 2020	131,231	223.071
30 June 2021	152,505	324.448
30 June 2022	144,526	393.124

Source: Ministry of Social Development Annual Review Data