



20 September 2023

Tēnā koe

On 24 August 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Under OIA please provide a breakdown of the 27 people in June 2023 on the housing register waiting for a 2 bedroom home in Hibiscus Coast and Bays ward.

- *a breakdown by age group*
- *a breakdown by current location/suburb*
- *a breakdown by suburb/s in Hibiscus Coast and Bays that they have written on the application form submitted for social housing.*

Please refer to the following tables in the Appendix:

- **Table One:** Number of clients on the Public Housing Register waiting for a two-bedroom housing unit in the Hibiscus and Bays Board as at 30 June 2023, broken down by age group.
- **Table Two:** Number of clients on the Public Housing Register waiting for a two-bedroom housing unit in the Hibiscus and Bay Board as at 30 June 2023, broken down by letting area requested.

In order to protect client privacy, some values in **Table One** are suppressed and are represented by 'S'. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in the information.

Further, your request for a breakdown of the 27 clients by their current location or suburb is refused 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 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, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Hocking', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hocking
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Housing



Appendix

Table One: Number of clients on the Public Housing Register waiting for a two-bedroom housing unit in the Hibiscus and Bays Board as at 30 June 2023, broken down by age group.

Bedrooms Required	Age Group										Total	
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	65+		
2	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	9	30

Table Two: Number of clients on the Public Housing register waiting for a two-bedroom housing unit in the Hibiscus and Bay Board as at 30 June 2023, broken down by letting area requested.

Bedrooms Required	Letting Area Requested								Total
	0630	0792	0930	0931	0932	0992	0993	0994	
2	12	6	6	9	9	12	6	9	21

Table Notes:

- This includes clients on both the Housing and Transfer Register, who are priority A or B.
- Auckland City Board is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period. Auckland City Board is only available for geocoded records.
- Applicants housed may have been housing with Housing New Zealand Corporation or with a Community Housing Provider.
- An applicant can appear in more than one requested letting area if they have selected it.

- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- 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'.