



23 February 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2024, requesting information about the Ashburton housing waiting list. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Public Housing Register consists of the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.

- The **Housing Register** records those who are not currently in Public Housing but who have been assessed as eligible for Public Housing.
- The **Transfer Register** represents those already in Public Housing who are eligible to be rehoused, generally due to a change in circumstances prompting a move to somewhere more appropriate to their needs.

Please see the table which provides the number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register in Ashburton District Territorial Local Authority as at 31 January 2024.

Table: The number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register in Ashburton District Territorial Local Authority as at 31 January 2024.

Public Housing Register		Total
Housing Register	Transfer Register	
84	6	93

Notes:

This data includes clients on both the Housing Register and Transfer Register.

This only includes priority A and B applications.

Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.

Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA.

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.

Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to three.

The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.

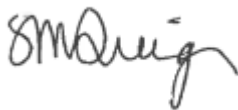
The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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.

Yours sincerely

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