

6 March 2024

Tēnā koe

## **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email dated 7 February 2024, in which you requested information about Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNGs) paid to Rayland Epsom Motel, Rayland Motel, 92 Great South Road and Anuj Giri Raj Gupta.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see the attached **Appendix** containing **Table One**, that shows the number of EH SNGs, clients, and amount granted to Rayland Epsom Motel, Rayland Motel and Ascot Epsom Motel (92 Great South Road) during the period 1 August 2022 to 31 January 2024, broken down by supplier.

The Ministry cannot identify a supplier matching Anuj Giri Raj Gupta at 88 Remuera Road. As such, this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry and I have no reason to believe it is held by or more closely connected to the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown.

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 <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.</u>

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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