



25 March 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2024, requesting a breakdown of Accommodation Supplement payments by tenancies and mortgages.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

### ***How many of the 360,000 accommodation supplement recipients are for tenancies rented and how many for mortgage holders?***

**Table One:** Number of Accommodation Supplement recipients by type of accommodation as at 31 January 2024

<b>Type of accommodation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boarding	68,778 (18.9%)
Own Home	36,630 (10.1%)
Renting	258,885 (71.1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>364,296</b>

- 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
- Numbers for Feb 2024 are not available for release until after 15th March.

***How much money is being paid annually under the AS?***

I refer you to the following link which provides the *Vote Social Development Estimates and Appropriations 2023-24*:

- [www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-06/est23-v9-socdev.pdf](http://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-06/est23-v9-socdev.pdf)

You will note on page 77 that the estimated actual spend on Accommodation Supplement for the 2022/23 financial year was \$2,023,428,000.

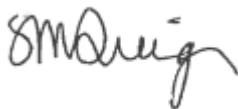
I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

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