



5 APR 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

On 6 March 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding state housing. On 8 March 2018 you were emailed links that responded to several of your questions and you refined your request. For clarity your questions are responded to in turn.

- *How many families with four or more children are on the social housing register? Please break this into ethnicity and area.*

The table below shows the number of applications on the Social Housing Register and the Transfer Register where the number of children is specified as four or more as at 31 December 2017, broken down by region and ethnicity.

Housing Region	Ethnicity Group				Total
	Māori	Pacific Island	NZ European	Other / Unspecified	
Auckland	117	174	10	66	<b>367</b>
Bay of Plenty	47	S	S	S	<b>52</b>
Canterbury	8	S	8	S	<b>27</b>
Central	14	S	S	S	<b>26</b>
East Coast	41	S	S	S	<b>53</b>
Northland	29	0	S	0	<b>S</b>
Southern	S	S	S	S	<b>10</b>
Taranaki	S	S	S	S	<b>7</b>
Waikato	41	S	S	7	<b>55</b>
Wellington	25	16	6	18	<b>65</b>
West Coast Tasman	6	S	S	0	<b>14</b>
Unknown/Other	0	S	0	0	<b>S</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>707</b>

**Notes:**

- Reporting of ethnicity is voluntary and is based on the prioritised self reported ethnicity of the main applicant.
- In order to protect client privacy some values 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 this information.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a Territorial Authority through suburb and city details have an unknown Region.

- *Please can you provide any briefings or memos to and from the Housing Minister on Kiwibuild plans, current and future state housing builds and redevelopments?*
- *Finally, what consultation will there be with Maori and Pasifika over new developments of state housing?*

I understand that Housing New Zealand will be responding to you with regards to your latter two questions, as this information is more directly related to Housing New Zealand's responsibility.

You should note that the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment is the lead agency for Kiwibuild and any information provided to the Minister will be held by that agency.

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

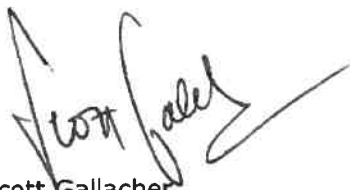
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development'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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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