



25 JUL 2018



Dear 

On 26 June 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *A copy of the May public housing waitlist figures, for both the waitlist and the transfer list. No breakdown into priorities is necessary.*
- *I understand these might not have been compiled into a register form yet. A raw figure for the end of the month would be adequate.*

The following table shows the number of applicants on the Social Housing Register as at the end of May 2018 broken down by register type.

<b>Register Type</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
Housing Register	8,519
Transfer Register	1,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,368</b>

**Notes:**

- This only includes clients from the A and B priorities
- The Social Housing register is the Housing Register and the Transfer Register

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 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 regarding the May 2018 figures for the Social Housing Register, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gallacher', is written over a long, thin blue diagonal line that extends from the left side of the signature area towards the right.

Scott Gallacher  
**Deputy Chief Executive Housing**