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Dear

On 23 June 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information regarding emergency housing in Kāpiti:

- *Number of people on the housing waiting list*
- *Number of social housing units*
- *Number of transitional housing units in the area and level of demand*
- *Number of people in emergency housing*
- *Types of emergency housing used*
- *Number of Community Housing Providers (CHP) in the area*
- *Any projections of need across the housing continuum*

On 25 June, the Ministry emailed you advising that we had transferred part of your request onto Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for response. You can expect to receive a response from HUD regarding following questions:

- *Number of people on the housing waiting list*
- *Number of social housing units*
- *Number of transitional housing units in the area and level of demand*
- *Number of Community Housing Providers (CHP) provided in the area*
- *Any projections of need across the housing continuum*

On 29 June 2020, you emailed the Ministry and asked that we included the following questions in your response:

- *Statistics are provided for the last five years for each question*
- *Average length of stay in the emergency and transitional housing for the last 5 years*
- *The number of people housed in emergency or transitional housing during the COVID-19 event (from levels 4 to 2)*

On 30 June 2020, the Ministry emailed you advising that the following aspects of your question had been transferred to HUD for their response:

- *Average length of stay in transitional housing for the last 5 years*
- *The number of people housed in transitional housing during the COVID-19 event (from levels 4 to 2)*

The Ministry will now be responding to the following questions in this response regarding emergency housing in Kāpiti:

- *Number of people in emergency housing*
- *Types of emergency housing used*
- *Average length of stay in emergency housing for the last 5 years*
- *The number of people housed in emergency housing during the COVID-19 event (from levels 4 to 2)*

Please note that the Ministry started paying Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EHSNGs) from the end of 2016, as such the Ministry is only able to provide you with four years of data, not five as requested. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information requested for the 2016 year does not exist.

Please find **table one** enclosed in this response which provides you with the number of EHSNG clients in the Kāpiti territorial local authority (TLA) for the last four years broken down by accommodation type and quarter. You will also find the four types of emergency housing used in that same table.

Please find **table two** enclosed in this response for the average length of stay in emergency housing for the last four years.

In regard to your question around the number of people housed in emergency housing during COVID-19, please see **table three** below which outlines the number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants in the Kāpiti TLA.

**Table Three: Number of Emergency Housing Special Need Grants in Kāpiti TLA for the period of 01 March 2020 to the end of June 2020 by month.**

Number of Emergency Housing Grants			
March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
102	85	157	134

**Notes:**

- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the tenancy address. TLA is defined under the Local Government Act 2002 as a city council or district council.
- This is a count of grants, not clients. The same client may have been granted more than once.

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. 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 emergency housing in Kāpiti, 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 'K. Hocking', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Hocking  
**General Manager, Housing**

**Table One: Number of distinct clients with an address in the Kapiti Territorial Local Authority (TLA) who have received one or more Emergency Housing Special Need Grants from 01 January 2017 to the end of June 2020 by accommodation type and by quarter**

Type of accommodation	Mar 2017	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Dec 2017	Mar 2018	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	Jun 2020
Motel / Hotel	22	S	S	25	S	29	S	52	33	S	S	S	S	S
Hostel	S	0	0	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
Holiday park / Camp ground	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	S	0
<b>Total clients</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>90</b>

**Notes:**

- This a count of distinct clients in the quarter, not grants. One client may receive multiple grants in a quarter, and be counted across multiple quarters.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the clients address and may not be reflective of where their emergency housing is located. TLA is defined under the Local Government Act 2002 as a city council or district council.
- Ungeocoded client address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA and will not be included in this table.
- Types of accommodation offered by a supplier may cross multiple categories as this is selected by the case manager for each grant and is not linked to the provider. For example: a motel may also provide camp ground or holiday park facilities but be recorded solely as a motel.
- The types of accommodation funded are categorised under: Motel/Hotel, Hostel, Holiday Park/Camp ground, Marae, Shelter.
- Clients can be counted more than once in a quarter if they stayed at more than one type of accommodation in the quarter. However they will only be counted once in the total.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

**Table Two: The average length of stay for Emergency Housing Special Need Grant clients in Kāpiti TLA for the period of 01 January 2017 to the end of June 2020 broken down by calendar year**

Year	Average Stay (Weeks)
2017	3.22
2018	3.26
2019	5.97
2020	7.85

**Notes:**

- Please note 2020 is not a complete calendar year.
- This consecutive weeks calculation is based on the clients most recent grant within a quarter. They may have had multiple grants in a quarter.
- Clients can be counted in more than one quarter, if they have had grants in each quarter.
- A clients total stay may cross more than one quarter. The length of stay at the time of their last grant in each quarter is what is used to calculate the average time here.
- Prior to 29 March 2020 Consecutive weeks is based on the number of weeks in which the client has received an EH SNG. After 4 weeks with no grants, the consecutive count is reset to zero and a new spell in EH is begun.
- From 29 March 2020 Consecutive weeks is calculated based on the check in and check out dates for which emergency housing grants have been granted.
- The consecutive weeks calculation is operational and as such can change slightly over time.