



18 MAR 2020

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

On 2 March 2020, Kāinga Ora transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) your request under the Official Information Act 1982 for the following information:

- *How many people/families with a rating of A16 or above are currently on the waiting list for a two-bedroom home within Gisborne.*

The Ministry posts housing waitlist data on its website on a quarterly basis. You may access the information here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html.

I can advise that, as at 31 December 2019, there were 33 people identified as having a priority rating of A16 and above on the housing register for a two-bedroom dwelling in Gisborne.

The Ministry has managed Public Housing applications and the Social Housing Register since 2014. The Social Housing Register consists of the Housing Register and the Transfer Register. The Housing Register records those who are not currently in Public Housing but who have been assessed as eligible for Public Housing. The Transfer Register represents those already in Public Housing who are eligible to be rehoused, generally due to a change in circumstances prompting a move to somewhere more appropriate for their needs.

Placing people and families into houses is about matching them with the right house in the area they want to live. This includes ensuring the house has the right number of bedrooms, is close to essential services such as schools, and that the accommodation meets any disability needs if appropriate. Those assessed as having the greater need for housing will be prioritised higher. As people's needs change, their priority on the Register may change also.

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.

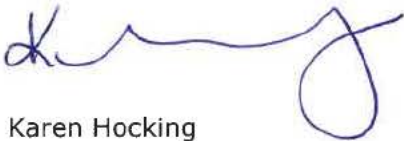
This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public in due course. The Ministry will do this by publishing its letter on the Ministry of Social Development's 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 are not satisfied with this response about the numbers of people on the housing waitlist in Gisborne, 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 or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Hocking', with a large loop at the end.

Karen Hocking
General Manager, Housing