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On 30 September 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information for Northland residents:

- *Number of people receiving the jobseekers benefit*
- *Number of people receiving the sole parents benefit*
- *Number of people receiving the supported living benefit*
- *Number of people who are eligible for social housing on the waiting list*
- *Number of social housing tenancies*
- *Number of approved emergency housing applications*

You asked for the data to be provided in aggregate format, with two different datasets. You asked for the first dataset to be broken down by all combinations of age, gender, ethnicity and year. You then asked for the second dataset to be broken down further, by age and year by census area unit, gender and year by census area unit, and ethnicity and year by census area unit. You also asked for the data to be provided for the last five calendar years.

On 28 October 2020, a letter was sent to you to advise you that the Ministry had received your request, however required more time to respond to your request. The reason for the extension was that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

On 19 November 2020, you were advised that the Ministry needed more time to prepare this information for release, and that the Ministry intended to send the information to you by 3 December 2020.

Please find the attached Excel spreadsheets with the following 24 tables attached:

- **Table One:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Job Seeker Support as at the end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group
- **Table Two:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Job Seeker Support as at the end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Three:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Job Seeker Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Four:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Job Seeker Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group, age group and gender
- **Table Five:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Sole Parent Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group

- **Table Six:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Sole Parent Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Seven:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Sole Parent Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Eight:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Sole Parent Support as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group, age group and gender
- **Table Nine:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Supported Living Payment as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group
- **Table Ten:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Supported Living Payment as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Eleven:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Supported Living Payment as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Twelve:** Number of Northland working age clients receiving Supported Living Payment as at end of December for the years 2015 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group, age group and gender
- **Table Thirteen:** Emergency Housing Grants for Northland for the years ending December 2017 to December 2019, broken down by ethnic group
- **Table Fourteen:** Emergency Housing Grants for Northland for the years ending December 2017 to December 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Fifteen:** Emergency Housing Grants for Northland for the years ending December 2017 to December 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Sixteen:** Emergency Housing Grants for Northland for the years ending December 2017 to December 2019, broken down by gender, age group and ethnic group
- **Table Seventeen:** Number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Eighteen:** Number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group
- **Table Nineteen:** Number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Twenty:** Number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by age group, gender and ethnic group
- **Table Twenty-One:** Number of primary applicants in Public Housing Tenancies for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by age group
- **Table Twenty-Two:** Number of primary applicants in Public Housing Tenancies for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by gender
- **Table Twenty-Three:** Number of primary applicants in Public Housing Tenancies for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by ethnic group

- **Table Twenty-Four:** Number of primary applicants in Public Housing Tenancies for Northland as at end of December for the years 2017 to 2019, broken down by age group, ethnic group and gender

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 under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

The Ministry has provided you with Territorial Local Authority (TLA) data instead of census area data, as low numbers in census area data would have led to the suppression of the majority of the data which would have been unhelpful to you.

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 and attachments 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 regarding a variety of the services the Ministry provides with us, please feel free to contact 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 or 0800 802 602.

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