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Tēnā koe

On 24 July 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information regarding the Gang Intelligence Centre List:

- 1. The earliest (by date) document, communication or report held by the Ministry of Social Development which indicates or demonstrates the matter referred to in written parliamentary question 25718 (2021) being considered*
- 2. If the contents of the earliest document, communication or report outlined in 1. will be withheld, I request the date (by day, month and year) of this document, communication or report and a summary of it that can be provided without identifying the withheld content.*

The following document has been identified to be within the scope of your request.

- Email - *Social Housing / Emergency Housing*, dated 7 May 2021

You will note that some information has been deemed to be 'out of scope' of your request, as this information related to Ministry staff names and contact details who are below tier 4 and/or who are not decision-makers.

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'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 Gang Intelligence Centre List, 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.

Ngā mihi nui



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**From:** Out of scope  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 May 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** Out of scope  
**Cc:** Out of scope  
**Subject:** Social Housing / Emergency Housing

Hi Out of scope

I've popped up to Level 11 a couple of times this week to have a quick chat with you but haven't been able to sight you.

I'm not sure if you are aware that the Intelligence Unit through its formal relationship with the Police hosted Gang Intelligence Centre (GIC) hold a current copy of the National Gang List (NGL) – there are around 8,000 gang members recorded. The Ministry is one of 12 partner agencies either represented in or supporting the GIC.

The NGL resource is not well utilised within the Ministry. We have been giving some thought as to how the NGL and the GIC could gain better traction with a range of existing Ministry initiatives – for example we have started a conversation with the joint Corrections and MSD Wellbeing Continuity on Release pilot team which the GIC Manager and Corrections representative are joined to.

You will most likely be aware there have been several recent well publicised gang related incidents at Social / Emergency Housing sites – anecdotally there appears to be an increasing number of incidents. With a prevention of harm and wellbeing lens front of mind there are a couple of opportunities that could be considered:

- Utilise the NGL in the Social / Emergency Housing space when consideration is given to placement – we'll need to discuss the logistical requirements with you?
- Alternatively, the GIC (using Police, MSD and Kainga Ora Intelligence Analysts) could be tasked to collaborate on a point in time analysis of current gang member placements? This intelligence product could inform MSD, Kainga Ora and Police decision makers.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss this proposal and I can set up an initial meeting with Out of scope and I.

Regards.

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