



21 December 2021

Tēnā koe

On 1 December 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *What are the current stats for Māori in Emergency Housing in Rotorua?*

The Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) is available to people who cannot remain in their usual place of residence, if any, and do not have access to other accommodation which is adequate for them or their family's needs. The Ministry pays EH SNGs directly to the accommodation supplier and assistance is generally granted for up to seven nights but can be extended dependant on individual circumstances.

After these seven nights Work and Income arrange another appointment with the client to discuss their housing situation and if another grant is required. The Ministry works hard to support people in emergency housing to secure a long-term housing solution, either through public housing and private rental accommodation. Other options including transitional housing can also be explored as an option depending on availability and the individual's circumstances.

On 1 July 2021, contracting with emergency housing suppliers in Rotorua commenced. However, for the rest of New Zealand, the Ministry does not contract motels to provide emergency housing in New Zealand. The Ministry meets the cost of emergency housing in all locations outside of Rotorua through the Special Needs Grant programme. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is responsible for the contracting of emergency housing suppliers, and as such this data is not included in the information below.

In response to your request please find the following tables in **Appendix A:**

- **Table One** which shows the number of grants and the number of distinct clients who are Māori in Emergency Housing in Rotorua for October and November 2021.

- **Table Two** in **Appendix A** which shows the number of Māori clients compared with non- Māori clients in Emergency Housing in Rotorua in October and November 2021.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

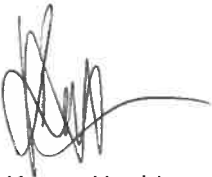
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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'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, 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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## Appendix A

**Table One: Number of Māori in emergency housing and the amount granted in the Rotorua District Territorial local authority in the month of October 2021 and November 2021**

Month End	Number of Grants	Distinct Clients	Amount Granted
October 2021	660	342	\$1,361,868.01
November 2021	678	330	\$1,513,772.69

**Table Two: Percentage of Māori vs non-Māori clients in emergency housing in the Rotorua District Territorial local authority in the month of October 2021 and November 2021**

Month End	Number of distinct Māori vs non-Māori clients		Total	Percentage of Māori vs non-Māori clients		Total
	Māori	Non-Māori		Māori	Non-Māori	
October 2021	342	75	<b>411</b>	82.81%	17.19%	<b>100.00%</b>
November 2021	330	69	<b>402</b>	81.84%	18.16%	<b>100.00%</b>

### Notes for Table One and Two:

- Please note the ethnicity classification that is used to construct this table does not necessarily align with the current Statistics New Zealand classification of ethnicity. Ethnicity details recorded by the Ministry have been gathered under a variety of classification methods as clients come into contact with the Ministry. The ethnicity data may be self-identified based on an individual's preference or self-construct. While the Ministry collects multiple ethnicities from clients, we only report a unique form of 'identified' ethnicity for core benefit data (one ethnic group per person with Māori coming first, Pacific groups second followed by other groups ending with NZ European).
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data. These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table. The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals. The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.