



8 April 2022

Tēnā koe

On 22 March 2022, you contacted the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *How many people in total are receiving IRRS in Wairarapa? Preferably broken down by TLA.*

Income Related Rent Subsidy is part of the Government's financial support for social housing.

Social housing providers are paid for the difference between the value of the Income Related Rent and the market rent rate or agreed rent rate for their social housing properties. This payment is called the Income Related Rent Subsidy.

Social housing providers are responsible for calculating the amount of the Income Related Rent Subsidy and claiming the amount from the Ministry of Social Development.

The Ministry of Social Development is responsible for processing the Income Related Rent Subsidy claims and paying the housing provider.

You can find more information regarding the Income Related Rent Subsidy at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/income-related-rent-subsidy/introduction.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/income-related-rent-subsidy/introduction.html).

Please see enclosed **Table One**, which outlines the number of clients with Income Related Rent Subsidy in the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa Territorial Local Authority (TLA), as at end of January 2022.

You will notice that a large proportion of people receiving an Income Related Rent Subsidy are in the Masterton District TLA. This is because the Masterton TLA is a more populated area and there are a higher number of Social Housing

properties in this area compared to the Carterton and South Wairarapa District TLAs.

**Table One: The number of clients with Income Related Rent Subsidy in the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa Territorial Local Authority (TLA), as at end of January 2022.**

<b>Territorial Local Authority</b>	<b>Number of tenants</b>
Carterton District	18
Masterton District	204
South Wairarapa District	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>

**Notes for Table One:**

- To protect confidentiality the Ministry 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.

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 the number of people receiving the Income Related Residential Subsidy in the Masterton TLA, 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.

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