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On 22 November 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *A breakdown in number (not percentages) of people in Emergency Housing, in Transitional housing, Kainga Ora residents (I have the waiting list but not residents of KO) and those with mental health residential facilities.*
- *If I could have the information broken down to*
 - *Under 5 years*
 - *Between 5 – 15*
 - *15 and 25*
 - *If unable to breakdown like this – then a rough showing is OK.*
- *Also a breakdown in ethnicity is needed as well, Māori, Pacific, Asian and European breakdown please is very appreciated*

MSD is responding to the Emergency Housing aspects of your request. You also included the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Kāinga Ora in the address line of your request and will receive a response from these agencies regarding the Transitional Housing and Kāinga Ora residents aspects of your request.

On 30 November 2021, MSD contacted you to confirm whether a response provided to you on 24 November 2021 answered your request. On 20 December 2021, you advised that this is not the case and asked that your request be further processed.

On 31 January 2022, you were advised that the part of your request regarding mental health residential facilities has been transferred to the Ministry of Health (MoH).

Please find the following tables in the attached spreadsheet:

- **Table 1:** The number of clients in Emergency Housing as at 31 December 2021, by Age Group.
- **Table 2:** The number of clients in Emergency Housing as at 31 December 2021, by Total Response Ethnicity.
- **Table 3:** The number of children included in Emergency Housing as at 31 December 2021.

While the number of children included in Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNG) is recorded, MSD is unable to provide you with a breakdown of children in Emergency Housing by age group or ethnicity as this information is not stored. MSD only records the age and ethnicity of the person receiving the EH SNG, and the number of people included in that grant. The requested breakdown for children is, therefore, refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as this information is not held by MSD and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

MSD fully supports those principles and purposes. MSD therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. MSD will do this by publishing this letter on its website. Your personal details will be deleted and MSD 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.

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.

Yours sincerely

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