



28 August 2023

Tēnā koe

On 31 July 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *May I please request for financial information of the all transactions by Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants and/or Special Needs Grants of amount paid to Hayat Hospitality Limited for 230 Ulster St, Hamilton (Aquarius Motor Inn) for the last 12 months please between 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023. If monthly break down is too much of admin work, please provide details of the number of Grants paid and the dollar amounts paid broken down by quarters.*

Please find the below **Appendix** which contains the number and amount of Special Needs Grants paid to Aquarius Motor Inn during the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, broken down by month.

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'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Aquarius Motor Inn, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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Karen Hocking
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Housing

Appendix: Number and amount of Special Needs Grants paid to Aquarius Motor Inn during the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, broken down by month.

MSD Supplier Name	Month	Grants	Amount Granted
AQUARIUS MOTOR INN	August 2022	42	\$183,318.00
	September 2022	36	\$158,955.50
	October 2022	39	\$171,656.59
	November 2022	27	\$143,878.00
	December 2022	33	\$199,979.00
	January 2023	24	\$132,398.00
	February 2023	24	\$147,830.00
	March 2023	24	\$139,922.00
	April 2023	30	\$149,329.00
	May 2023	36	\$162,540.00
	June 2023	42	\$214,677.56
	July 2023	27	\$148,247.64
TOTAL		381	\$1,952,731.29

Notes:

- Special Needs Grants include Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, Special Needs Grants for emergency housing security deposits and other Special Needs Grants.
- The number of Grants is not the number of clients. A client can have more than one grant in the period.
- Amount granted may not be the same as the amount spent.
- 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.