



30 August 2023

Tēnā koe

On 25 July 2023, you emailed Kāinga Ora, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I would like to request non-specific information about the percentage of tenants with chronic illness, mental illness, physical disability, and intellectual/learning disability. If it is available I would like the percentages for each group.*

On 2 August 2023, Kāinga Ora transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) to respond to.

On 4 August 2023, the Ministry contacted you to request refinement of your request. You were advised that the data the Ministry can provide you with is only for tenants in public housing who also have an incapacity linked to their current benefit. We also suggested providing you with the most recent data available for the end of June quarter 2023.

You responded on 5 August 2023 and confirmed refinement of your request.

Since your refined request seeks information on people who are on a benefit with a medical incapacity, the relevant benefit payments are the Jobseeker Support – Health Condition, Injury, or Disability (JS HCD) and Supported Living Payment (SLP).

Beneficiaries receiving these benefits must have a signed medical certificate from an independent health practitioner, which states the primary reason they are unable to work.

If you would like more information on these benefits please refer to the following links:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/jobseeker-support/client-has-a-health-condition-injury-or-disability-01.html

www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/supported-living-payment/introduction.html

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which contains a table showing the number of primary public housing tenants with an incapacity on their current benefit as at 30 June 2023 broken down by incapacity group and primary incapacity type.

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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of primary tenants with an incapacity on their current benefit, 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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Appendix

The number of primary public housing tenants with an incapacity on their current benefit as at 30 June 2023 broken down by incapacity group and primary incapacity type.

| Incapacity Group | Incapacity Type | Number of Main Tenants |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Accident | Back pain/injury | 36 |
| | Burns | 6 |
| | Fractures, soft tissue injury | 411 |
| | Injury to nervous system | 255 |
| | Internal injuries | 6 |
| | Medical complications | 21 |
| | Other injury | 111 |
| | Overuse injury [rsi] | 45 |
| | Poisoning, toxic effects | 3 |
| Blood and blood forming organs | Blood and blood forming organs | 75 |
| Cancer | Cancer | 426 |
| Cardio-vascular disorders | Heart disease | 777 |
| | Other cardiovascular cond | 228 |
| | Stroke | 408 |
| Congenital conditions | Congenital conditions | 333 |
| Digestive system disorders | Digestive system disorders | 252 |
| Entry of foreign bodies | Entry of foreign bodies | 3 |
| Genito-urinary disorders | Genito-urinary disorders | 333 |
| Ill defined conditions | Ill-defined conditions | 477 |
| Immune system disorders | HIV/AIDS | 42 |
| | Other immune system disorders | 3 |

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| Infectious/parasitic diseases | Infectious/Parasitic diseases | 129 |
| Intellectual disability | Intellectual disability | 363 |
| Metabolic & endocrine disorders | Diabetes | 645 |
| | Other metabolic & endocrine | 291 |
| Musculo-skeletal sys. disorder | Musculo-skeletal sys. disorder | 2,838 |
| Nervous system disorders | Epilepsy | 348 |
| | Multiple sclerosis | 69 |
| | Muscular dystrophy | 33 |
| | Other nervous system disorders | 534 |
| | Parkinson's disease | 21 |
| Pregnancy related | Complications of pregnancy | 12 |
| | Pregnancy | 9 |
| Psychological or psychiatric conditions | Bipolar disorder | 747 |
| | Depression | 1,830 |
| | Other psychiatric/psychological | 2,550 |
| | Schizophrenia | 1,809 |
| | Stress | 1,113 |
| Respiratory disorders | Respiratory disorders | 927 |
| Sensory disorders | Blindness | 120 |
| | Hearing/ear | 111 |
| | Other sensory disorders | 12 |
| | Other visual/eye(partial blindness) | 141 |
| Skin disorders | Skin disorders | 99 |
| Substance abuse | Alcohol | 312 |
| | Drugs | 339 |
| | Other substance abuse | 9 |
| Unspecified | Unspecified | 3 |
| Total | | 19,650 |

Notes:

- Reporting of incapacity is based on the primary incapacity of the main tenant.
- Benefits included in this data are Supported Living Payment and Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury and Disability (JS-HCD).
- 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.
- Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to three.
- 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.