



13 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 12 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information regarding the number of public housing tenancies with a community housing provider:

- *Apologies for the direct email but I am in a rush and all I need is the latest numbers on the table below, this is from 2021 and I would like 2022 numbers. I have the up to date information on children but not the general population. If unable to assist please send me in the right direction.*

Demand for housing across New Zealand is growing and many people are experiencing a severe and immediate need. This demand is generated by a shortage of affordable housing driving up house prices and rents. People on low incomes are most affected by rising housing costs and many seek financial help through the Ministry.

Please see the attached **Appendix** containing **Table One** outlining the number of Public Housing Tenancies with a Community Housing Provider as at 31 December 2022, broken down by children included and ethnicity.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the number of public housing tenancies with a community housing provider, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hocking'.

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Housing**

## Appendix One:

**Table One: Number of Public Housing Tenancies with a Community Housing Provider as at 31 December 2022.**

<b>Has children</b>	<b>European</b>	<b>Māori</b>	<b>Pacific Peoples</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>MELAA</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>Total tenancies</b>
<b>No</b>	3,744	2,712	1,167	552	150	264	201	<b>7,959</b>
<b>Yes</b>	777	1,866	1,527	168	111	87	141	<b>4,095</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>4,578</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>12,054</b>

### Notes:

- Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.
- The Ministry of Social Development is in the process of changing our reporting to total response, so ethnicity results may differ from previous or other reporting.
- MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.
- Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total percentage of ethnic responses will be greater than one hundred percent.
- Reporting of ethnicity is voluntary and is based on the total response ethnicity of the main tenant at the time of application.
- In some cases, children may have alternative or alternating living arrangements and may not necessarily be living in public housing for the entire duration.
- Children may also be counted more than once, as MSD are unable to verify if the child/children are included in more than one household living in public housing.
- 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.