



28 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 3 February 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Further to what you provided, I am interested to understand whether there is any data on the length of time that people have been on the social housing register for the Auckland and Northland regions.*
- *Are you able to advise if there is any information on this, and if so, whether I need to submit a separate request?*

The Ministry collects data on the amount of time people spend on the Housing Register before they are housed. Please find attached **Table One** showing the median days that people spent on the Housing Register before they were housed in the quarter ending 31 December 2022, for the Auckland and Northland regions.

In this table, these regions are then broken down into their Territorial Local Authorities (TLA); for Auckland this is the Auckland Super City, and for Northland it includes the Far North, Kaipara, and Whangarei.

**Table One: Median days to house in the quarter ending 31 December 2022 in the Auckland and Northland Regions, by region and Territorial Local Authority**

	<b>Region / TLA Name</b>	<b>Median Days to House</b>
<b>Auckland</b>	AUCKLAND SUPER CITY	229
	<b>Region Median Days to House</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Northland</b>	FAR NORTH DISTRICT	235
	KAIPARA DISTRICT	309
	WHANGAREI DISTRICT	307
	<b>Region Median Days to House</b>	<b>276</b>

**Notes**

- This includes applications both on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.
- This includes priority A and B applications. The A and B priority applications used in this table are as at the end of the quarter and may have changed prior to this date.

You can find further information on the Housing Register at: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/housing-register.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/housing-register.html).

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, 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



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