



26 May 2023

Tēnā koe

On 14 April 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *My request is to be provided with details of MSD payments made to Emergency Housing suppliers for the periods 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023. Please provide the information in Excel format as an update to the response dated 14 February 2023 which was provided to me as a result of my request dated 16 January 2023.*

Please see the attached **Appendix** providing a list of suppliers and the total amount of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023, broken down by supplier name.

Please note that the names of registered suppliers are the name of the supplier's parent company, which isn't always the same as the accommodation itself. Registered suppliers providing accommodation in different locations may have different trading names but receive payment as a single registered supplier.

In addition, some suppliers may be listed due to a coding error when a client receives multiple assistance payments at one point in time, for example for petrol or groceries. Further, some of the listed suppliers may have been disabled and are no longer active suppliers of emergency accommodation.

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](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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