

3 April 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your phone call of 12 February 2024, requesting information on accommodation supplement in the Alexandra area.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find **Table one** below in response to your request:

Table One: Number of current clients receiving Accommodation Supplement in Central Otago District Territorial Local Authority as at end of December 2023 by tenure type.

Territorial Local Authority	Boarding	Own Home	Renting	Total
Central Otago District	63	81	621	765

Notes:

- Accommodation Supplement is not paid for clients (main signatory and their partners) in Housing NZ accommodation or any other Community Housing Provider property where the provider is receiving Income Related Rent.
- The number of recipients receiving an Accommodation Supplement is the number of individuals, couples or families receiving an Accommodation Supplement for their housing purposes. It is not necessarily a count of households.
- Territorial Local Authority is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.
- 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.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request relating to accommodation supplement in the Alexandra area, 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.

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