



5 December 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email, which was transferred from the Office of Hon Tama Potaka on 27 November 2024 requesting information about Māori in emergency housing and Social Housing.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- *Copies of any data or information or correspondence or documentation that illustrates the number of tamariki Māori who have left emergency housing since your government came into effect, and into what housing they have gone.*

I have interpreted your request to information from the quarter ending 30 December 2023 to present. Please see the following document, the Emergency Housing Deep Dive Report – July 2024:

- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/emergency-housing-deep-dive-report-july-2024.html

This document contains a breakdown of the number of households with children who have left emergency housing. We cannot provide a further breakdown of tamariki Māori as ethnicity is based off the primary applicant.

Formal reporting on where people go when they leave emergency housing is still under development and is not currently part of the Ministry's regular reporting. We are working to develop official reporting on emergency housing exits, however this requires linking information from multiple systems, agencies, and organisations.

- *illustrate the trends around the number of tamariki Māori in social housing you use to make your determinations*

Please see the below **Appendix**, detailing the number of Māori primary tenants with children in Social Housing during the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, as at month end.

- *illustrate the mechanism(s) you use to determine whether a child in social housing is Māori.*

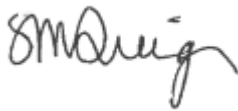
In the Ministry's reporting, all ethnicity data is based off the primary applicant. Generally, we do not assume the ethnicity of tamariki. However, if needed, we would derive a child's ethnicity from the ethnicity of the primary applicant to which they are attached.

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 regarding emergency housing and Social Housing, 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 Māori primary tenants with children in Social Housing during the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, as at month end.

As at month end	Māori primary tenants with children
30 November 2023	15,054
31 December 2023	15,202
31 January 2024	15,234
29 February 2024	15,313
31 March 2024	15,367
30 April 2024	15,510
31 May 2024	15,692
30 June 2024	15,879
31 July 2024	16,129
31 August 2024	16,279
30 September 2024	16,432
31 October 2024	16,546

General notes:

- This includes both Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and Community Housing Provider (CHP) tenancies.
- Reporting of ethnicity is voluntary and is based on the self-reported ethnicity of the primary tenant.
- Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
- Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.

Confidentiality notes:

- 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 to zero. A value of one or two will be rounded to three.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.