



16 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2024, requesting information about the number of older Asians in 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.

As you have not specified a timeframe of your request, I have interpreted your request for data to be from the year 2015. Any information relating to clients living in Public Housing prior to 2015 would be held by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

Please note, clients living in social housing are not eligible for Accommodation Supplement and as such, we have not provided you with this data.

Please see the attached **Appendix** which provides the following tables in response to your request:

- **Table One:** Number of current Public Housing¹ tenancies for tenants aged 65 and over as at month ending December 2015 to December 2023, by total response ethnicity and gender
- **Table Two:** Number of current Public Housing tenancies for tenants aged 65 and over as at month ending December 2015 to December 2023, by total response ethnicity and age group
- **Table Three:** Number of current Public Housing tenancies for tenants aged 65 and over as at month ending December 2015 to December 2023, by total response ethnicity and housing region
- **Table Four:** Number of current Public Housing tenancies for tenants aged 65 and over as at month ending December 2015 to December 2023, by total response ethnicity and benefit type.

Please note that a client must be a citizen or a permanent resident to be eligible for Public Housing. The data provided in the **Appendix** incorporates both of these groups.

¹ Clients residing in Public Housing are exempt from Accommodation Supplement eligibility.

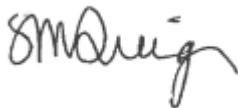
The Ministry's responsibilities for social housing are limited to the assessment of housing need, calculation of the income related rent payable by tenants and management of the social housing register. The modelling of future demand for social housing sits with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development as the lead social housing policy and purchasing agency. Consequently, the Ministry does not currently hold data on future projection modelling of social housing needs for the older Asian population over the next 5, 10, or 15 years - therefore this part of your request is refused under 18(e) as the information does not exist.

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, 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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