



31 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2024 requesting Emergency Housing information in Porirua and Tawa.

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

To aid clarity, each of your questions have been responded to in turn:

Question 1: How many emergency housing places are currently being funded in wider Porirua/Tawa?

Question 2: How many are in motels?

Please see the attached **Appendix, Table One** which provides the number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants suppliers in Porirua City and Wellington City Territorial Local Authority (TLA) as at 30 June 2024, by accommodation type.¹

I am unable to provide you with Tawa level data as it is held in notes on individual case files. In order to provide you with this information, Ministry staff would have to manually review a substantial number of files. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

Question 3: What is the make up ie how many singles, couples, whanau of 3 or more?

Please see the attached **Appendix, Table Two** which provides the number of households who were in receipt of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants in Porirua City and Wellington City TLA as at 30 June 2024, by household composition, and accommodation type.

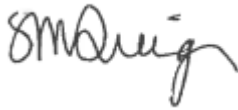
I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

¹ Please note that Tawa sits within the broader Wellington City TLA.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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