



14 March 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 26 February 2024, to refine your earlier request for information to which I responded on 14 February 2024, regarding the numbers of people without fixed accommodation the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) has assisted to relocate to Rotorua since the 2023 General Election.

I have considered your request and determined that, even with the refinements you have suggested, it should be refused in full under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

This information would be recorded in notes on individual client files. It would take Ministry staff considerable time to manually research and review a large volume of information to provide you with the information you are requesting. 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 impaired.

As stated in my letter to you dated 14 February 2024, the Ministry has never operated any initiative with the aim of relocating people without fixed accommodation from outside of Rotorua to live in Rotorua on a significant scale.

The Ministry may assist people to relocate to a new region on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific needs of the individual requesting assistance.

I will publish 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 Emergency Housing in Rotorua, 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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