



19 March 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 February 2024, requesting data regarding Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants for older people from January 2023 to January 2024.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and refer you to the following tables that are provided as appendices:

Appendix one:

- **Table one:** The number of households in Emergency Housing where primary applicant is over 55 years old, as at the end of each month from 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024, broken down by Ministry regions.
- **Table two:** The number of households in Emergency Housing where primary applicant is over 55 years old, as at the end of each month from 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024, broken down by duration in Emergency Housing.

Appendix two:

- **Table three:** The number of primary applicants with children on the Public Housing Register, aged over 55 years old, as at the end of each month from 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024, broken down by priority.
- **Table four:** The number of primary applicants on the Public Housing Register, aged over 55 years old, as at the end of each month from 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024, broken down by MSD region.

In order to protect client privacy, some values are suppressed and are represented by 'S'. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs and public interest in the information.

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.

Yours sincerely

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