



7 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2024, requesting an update of your recurring request for information about Emergency Housing Grants paid by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) to motels associated with Annie Enterprise Limited and Rajesh and Sushriya Sachdeva.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see the attached **Appendix** providing the number of hardship grants and the amount granted to selected suppliers during the period 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2024.

The **Appendix** includes:

- **Table 1:** The number of hardship grants and the amount granted to selected suppliers during the period 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2024 by month, supplier, and grant type.
- **Table 2:** The number of hardship grants and the amount granted to selected suppliers during the period 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2024 by month, supplier, and hardship need.

Please note that GST is included in the information provided because the Ministry makes our grants based on the actual accommodation costs that are quoted by the supplier. You will note that some information in the attached table has been marked as 'S'. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in the information.

In addition to the Emergency Housing Grants made by the Ministry to Annie Enterprises, Rajesh and Sushriya Sachdeva, you also requested information we hold about:

- GH Holdings Limited
- Ripul Sachdeva
- Sunita Sachdeva
- BK Group
- BKGroup17
- Sush Enterprises Ltd
- Balraj Kumar Krishna

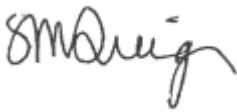
Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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