



17 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 20 September 2024, requesting information about emergency housing (EH) grants paid to Auckland Northshore Motels and Holiday Parks and whether any additional grants were paid to this property.

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

- *Question 1 - How much has been paid in emergency housing grants between January 2016 and August 2024 to: Auckland Northshore Motels & Holiday Parks (Global Energy Limited) 52 Northcote Road, Northcote, Auckland*
The property owners are: Murali Ganesh Kodoor and Geeta Murali Ganesh.

Please find attached a spreadsheet that addresses this question:

- **Appendix:** The number and amount of Emergency Housing, Security Deposit Claim and Other Hardship Grants granted to Auckland Northshore Motels & Holiday Park from 1 October 2016 to 31 August 2024, by calendar year.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. This applies where there are low numbers of categories of clients, suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

Please note that the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) commenced reporting on EH grants from 1 October 2016. Prior to this date, they were not separately classified. Also note that 'Other Hardship Grants' include the following housing grants: Electricity Assistance, Accommodation Costs Arrears Grant and Accommodation Costs in Advance Grant (both for clients who need help to retain accommodation that the Residential Tenancy Act doesn't apply to), Accommodation Security Cover Grant, Bond Grant, Rent Arrears Grant, Rent in Advance Grant, and other emergency grants and payments.

Please note the Ministry does not directly contract Emergency Housing suppliers, the Emergency Housing Grant is paid to suppliers on behalf of its clients.

As further context, you may find the following links useful about who can get EH, housing support (including information about the above grants), and clients' rights and responsibilities, on the Ministry's website here:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/nowhere-to-stay/emergency-housing/index.html.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/move-house/index.html>.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/housing/live-in-home/housing-costs/index.html>.

- *Question 2 - Have any additional grants been paid to this property to assist with repairs following the 2023 storms in Auckland? If so, how much has been granted and when were the grants made?*

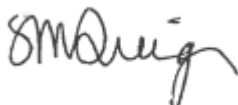
There is no assistance available from the Ministry for payment of repair costs following the 2023 storms to Auckland Northshore Motels and Holiday Parks, so none was paid.

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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