



25 February 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2025, requesting updated information about a motel called Wrights by the Sea at 387 Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu, leased by Tirzah Motel Management Limited.

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.

- a. The amount that has been paid to Tirzah Motel Management Limited for housing accommodation at the motel 1 July 2024 until now.*

There were no Emergency Housing (EH) grants made to Tirzah Motel Management Limited for the period 1 July to 31 December 2024.

- b. The amount of money paid to Tirzah Motel Management Limited for damages or loss of income (including the dates of payment) from 1 July 2024 until now.*

The Ministry has interpreted this part of your request to be for any payment paid for Security Deposit Claim, as in the previous responses you have received. There were no payments paid for Security Deposit Claim from 1 July to 31 December 2024.

Information on payment of the security deposit to a supplier or provider is available on the Ministry's website, here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/emergency-housing/payment-of-the-security-deposit-to-a-provider.html.

- c. The terms of the Contract between the Ministry of Social Development and Tirzah Motel Management Limited*
d. Any agreement for the Ministry to pay for repairs to the land and buildings at any time at any time including at the end of the contract term.

The Ministry has already responded to these parts of your request. Please refer to our response to you on 22 July 2024, as it remains the same.

- e. *How many motels does MSD have contracts with nationally and in the Kapiti Coast District in 2024 and 2025. And for each of these years, how much was paid to these motels in the Kapiti Coast.*

As we have advised you in our previous response, there is no contract between the Ministry and EH suppliers. In order to receive an EH payment, an accommodation supplier must register with the Ministry as a supplier. The Ministry can only pay into the bank accounts of businesses who are registered as suppliers, and this registration does not create a contractual relationship between the Ministry and the accommodation supplier.

As such, in line with the Ministry's previous response to you, I have interpreted this part of your request to be for a list of motels that are registered as an EH supplier and received an EH Grant in the period 1 July to 31 December 2024.

Please refer to Tables 1-2 in the attached **Appendix**, which provide the following information, in response to this part of your request:

Table 1: Number of suppliers and amount of Emergency Housing grant paid to the suppliers in Kapiti Coast District TLA from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Table 2: List of Suppliers, amount of Emergency Housing grant, and number of nights granted to the suppliers in Kapiti Coast District TLA from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

- f. *Which five motels in the Kapiti Coast Region received the most funding in 2024. In addition a. For how many nights were people in the motels? b. What funding did these people get to pay for the rooms?*

Please refer to Table 3 of the attached **Appendix**, which provides the following information, in response to this part of your request:

Table 3: Top 5 suppliers granted Emergency Housing in Kapiti Coast District TLA from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

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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