



25 February 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2025, requesting information about whether the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) provides accommodation to employees.

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

- *Whether the Ministry of Social Development rents or sublets accommodation to any employees, or provides accommodation to any employees as an entitlement through their employment contract. This includes accommodation that is owned or leased by the Ministry of Social Development, and refers to long-term as well as short-term accommodation.*

The Ministry does not have accommodation as part of employment agreements for individuals, therefore I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act the information does not exist.

Where an employee is seconded to an out-of-town location for a period of time, and it is more cost efficient to lease short term accommodation rather than a hotel room, the Ministry may cover the costs of the accommodation for the specified period.

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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Anna Graham

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