



3 March 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your request of 13 February 2025, transferred to the Ministry of Social Development from the Office of Hon Chris Bishop, requesting information about the current waitlist for accessible homes in the Taranaki region and nationally.

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

On 19 and 24 February 2025, the Ministry emailed you to clarify the following part of your request:

- *Is it known the national demand for accessible homes, meeting the above or better standard for the general public housing stock.*

As noted in our initial email, the Ministry is able to provide information relating to the number of people on the Housing Register waiting for an accessible home and whether this would meet the intent behind the known demand for accessible homes in your request.

On 26 February 2025, you advised you were looking for the following information:

- *By way of clarity to the "national demand for accessible homes". Yes, please if you are able to provide the number of people waiting nationally, and in Taranaki, along with the number built in the last five years, and the number being built in the next 12 months to to years, or available time-frame.*

As the Ministry does not have control over the supply of accessible housing, the parts of your request relating to the number of accessible houses built or being built was transferred to Kāinga Ora for response on 28 February 2025. This is because the information is not held by the Ministry but believed to be held by Kāinga Ora.

Regarding your request for the number of people on the Housing Register waiting for accessible homes, please find attached **Appendix One** containing **Table One** showing the number of applications who require modified housing as at 31 January

2025, broken down by register type, nationally, and selected Territorial Authorities (TA).

The Social Housing Register consists of the Housing Register and the Transfer Register. The Housing Register records those who are not currently in Public Housing but who have been assessed as eligible for Social Housing. The Transfer Register represents those already in Social Housing who are eligible to be rehoused, generally due to a change in circumstances prompting a move to somewhere more appropriate to their needs.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

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## Appendix One

**Table One: The number of applications who require modified housing as at 31 January 2025, broken down by register type, nationally, and selected Territorial Authorities (TA).**

Region	Register Type		Total
	Housing Register	Transfer Register	
<b>Taranaki</b>	45	9	<b>54</b>
<b>National Total</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>2,142</b>

### Notes:

- This only includes priority A and B applications.
- This includes applications on both the Housing Register and Transfer Register.
- This is a count of modified needs. A client may have more than one modified housing need type.
- Territorial Authority (TA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TA through suburb and city details have an unknown TA.
- Taranaki region includes New Plymouth District, Rangitikei District, Ruapehu District, South Taranaki District and Stratford District.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- A value of one or two will be rounded to three.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.