



9 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2025, requesting information about data on people receiving the full Accommodation Supplement for the last five years.

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.

- *How many people/what proportion are receiving the full accommodation supplement for their area?*
- *The same data for the previous 5 years*

Please find data on the number of clients receiving the Accommodation Supplement as at December 2020 to end of July 2025 broken down by area, number of clients receiving the maximum rate and the overall number of clients receiving the Accommodation Supplement in the **Appendix** attached.

- *Are clients topped up with TAS if they weren't able to cope with housing costs beyond that?*

The Ministry can pay Temporary Additional Support (TAS) for additional accommodation costs not covered by Accommodation Support, provided that the client meets the overall eligibility criteria for TAS. You can find more information here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/accommodation-costs-01.html.

To protect confidentiality, the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data. These data tables have had random rounding where, values have been randomly rounded to the nearest multiple of 3. This is applied to all cell counts in the table. 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.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written over the 'pp.' text.

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