



15 September 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2025, requesting information about the number of applicants on the Ministry of Social Development's Housing Register who are in receipt of Disability Allowance and information for applicants who require a modified house.

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

- *I would like to request the following information under the Official Information Act, 1982, the following information for the past 5 years from 1 June 2020 to 31 July 2025*
  1. *The number of applicants on the MSD Housing Register who are in receipt of a Disability Allowance (the main tenant)*
  2. *The number of applicants on the MSD Housing Register who require a **modified house**.*
  3. *Please can this information be split into Priority A and Priority B, by Territorial Authority (TA) and by the number of bedrooms required?*

Please see the **Appendix** attached, that contains 23 tables and details the number of applicants on the Ministry's Housing Register who are in receipt of a Disability Allowance and who require a modified house, broken down by Territorial Local Authority, priority, age group and the number of bedrooms required. The information has been provided for the last five years, as at 31 July 2020 to 31 July 2025.

A Disability Allowance can be paid to help meet the additional and ongoing costs associated with a range of conditions. Many conditions would not create a requirement for modified housing.

Some numbers are replaced with an 'S'. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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