



17 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2025 in which you requested data showing the number and value of Emergency Housing Grants the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) has paid since 2016, by district council area.

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

Please see **Appendix 1** which contains the data you have requested, for the period 1 October 2016 to 31 July 2025.

Some information in the attached table has been marked as '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 the 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.

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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