



25 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2025, requesting data about the amount of Emergency Housing Grants (EHGs) paid to Fern Motel and Pania Lodge Motel in Napier from 2015 – 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) registers suppliers for the purpose of facilitating payments on behalf of eligible clients. Registered supplier status does not indicate a contractual relationship between the Ministry and a supplier, or an endorsement of the services provided. The contractual relationship is between the client receiving an Emergency Housing Grant (EHG) and the emergency housing supplier. The Ministry's role is to grant EHG's for the cost of emergency housing.

Please see the below **Appendix**, detailing the amount paid for EHG's to Fern Motel and Pania Lodge Motel for the period 1 October 2016 to 31 August 2025, broken down by year. Please note that collection of Emergency Housing data began on 1 October 2016, so we are unable to provide you with any data prior to this date.

Fern Motel Napier Ltd operated as an emergency housing provider from 2016 until 2021. Pania Lodge Motel operated as an emergency housing provider from 2020 until 2022.

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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Appendix

Table: Emergency Housing Grants (EHGs) paid to specific suppliers during 1 October 2016 to 31 August 2025, by year.

Year	FERN MOTEL NAPIER LTD	PANIA LODGE MOTEL	Total
	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	
2016	\$43,512.00	\$0	\$43,512.00
2017	\$254,888.00	\$0	\$254,888.00
2018	\$45,408.00	\$0	\$45,408.00
2019	\$69,735.00	\$0	\$69,735.00
2020	\$138,413.99	\$1,000.00	\$139,413.99
2021	\$117,715.06	\$52,500.00	\$170,215.06
2022	\$0	\$35,678.54	\$35,678.54

Notes:

- Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
- Official collection of Emergency Housing data began on 1 October 2016.
- Data was sourced by searching the supplier IDs CUR001096451 (Fern Motel Napier Ltd) and CUR001594661 (Pania Lodge Motel).