



8 January 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2024, requesting information about Social Housing and Emergency Housing in Ohakune.

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

*1. The number of families or people waiting for social housing in Ohakune.*

As at 30 November 2024, there were 10 households waiting for Social Housing, made up of 23 people. These 10 households were comprised of 3 single person households, 6 households with 1-2 children and 1 household with three or more children. This includes both the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.

Please note that this figure is the number of applicants in the Ohakune area, not the number that list Ohakune as their preferred location. The above clients may not list Ohakune as their preferred location and households who don't reside in Ohakune may have it listed as their preferred location.

*2. The number of families or people waiting for emergency housing in Ohakune.*

Emergency Housing is for clients who are experiencing a severe and immediate need. The Emergency Housing Grant is available to people who cannot remain in their usual place of residence and do not have access to other accommodation which is adequate for them or their family's needs.

As such, there are no clients who are waiting for emergency housing. However, we have provided the **Table** below, detailing the demographic breakdown of primary clients in Emergency Housing as at 30 November 2024, in the Ruapehu District Territorial Local Authority.

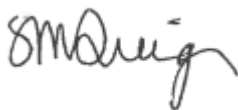
You will note that some of the numbers in this table have been replaced with an 'S'. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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 regarding Social Housing and Emergency Housing, 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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**General Manager**  
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**Table: Demographic breakdown of primary clients in Emergency Housing as at 30 November 2024 in Ruapehu District Territorial Local Authority.**

Demographic Breakdown		Count
Household Breakdown	Number of households	S
	Number of adults	S
	Number of children	S
Household composition	Couple with children	0
	Couple no children	0
	Single with children	S
	Single no children	S

**General notes:**

- Territorial Local Authority is based on the clients address at the time of the grant. It may not be the same as the address of the Emergency Housing provider.
- This data represents primary clients in Emergency Housing as at the report date.
- Household composition is based on the declared adults and children staying in Emergency Housing and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
- Household composition of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants applicants was not captured prior to 1 April 2020.
- From 2 December 2019, The Ministry of Social Development has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female or Gender Diverse.

**Confidentiality notes:**

- 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 may be rounded to zero or 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.
- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
- Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.