



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

On 19 July 2017, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Please could I have the number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants in the Napier and Hastings regions, broken down by service centre, the number of grants and the amount granted, for the quarter ending March 2017.*

You have previously requested the same information for the December 2016 quarter. In my earlier response, along with the requested data, I also provided information about the complexities of emergency housing and the emergency housing Special Needs Grant, which you may wish to refer to for context.

The table below shows the number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (SNGs) and amount granted in Napier and Hastings Work and Income service centres in the quarters ending March 2017 and June 2017.

Service Centre	Quarter ending				TOTAL	
	March 17		June 17		Number of grants	Amount granted
	Number of grants	Amount granted	Number of grants	Amount granted		
Hastings	216	\$185,390.00	410	\$370,414.00	626	\$555,804.00
Napier	424	\$378,180.00	616	\$554,625.76	1,040	\$932,805.76
Flaxmere & Taradale	15	\$7,354.00	9	\$7,593.00	24	\$14,947.00
Total	655	\$570,924.00	1,035	\$932,632.76	1,690	\$1,503,556.76

Notes:

- This is the number of SNG grants for Emergency Housing and not the number of clients. A client may have more than one grant in the reported period.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for the Flaxmere and Taradale Service Centres have been aggregated, in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

While not forming part of your request, information for the June 2017 quarter has been included as this is available and may be of interest to you.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 this response regarding Emergency Housing SNGs in the Napier and Hastings regions, 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.

Yours sincerely



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