



5 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 7 June 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), requesting the following information:

- *I am the owner of a motel at 393 Gloucester street Taradale Napier can you please advise if there is a social housing contract with the tenant Gloucester Asset Management T/A Ballina motel and how much revenue has been paid*

On 20 June 2022, the Ministry emailed you to request you refine your request. We advised the Ministry does not administer social housing grants, these are administered by Kāinga Ora.

The Ministry does administer Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNG) and our response to you of September 2021 provided a table showing the amount of EH SNGs made to Gloucester Asset Management for the years March 2020 and March 2021. As indicated in that response, these are made to clients.

On 22 June 2022 you refined your request to:

- *Can you please provide full details of emergency housing payments to Gloucester Asset Management up until 31 March 2022.*

The Ministry does not contract motels to provide emergency housing. We do not have an agreement with Gloucester Asset Management. The Ministry meets the cost of emergency housing through the Special Needs Grant programme.

In regard to your request for EH SNG amounts paid to Gloucester Asset Management Limited, please see the attached Excel spreadsheet and table, showing the amount of EH SNG payments made to Gloucester Asset

Management Limited, for the years ending March 2020, March 2021, and updated to March 2022. Note that the table shows an increase in payments from the March 2020 to March 2022 years, due to COVID-19 and increasing cost of living expenses for clients.

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 and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry'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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Gloucester Asset Management Limited, 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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