

12 July 2023

## Tënā koe

On 14 June 2023, an enquiry you made was referred to the Ministry of Social Development's (the Ministry's) Official Information team. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- Numbers receiving IRRS in the Tararua TLA from July 2018 June (14th) 2023
- Numbers receiving ASUP in the same area by bene-status
- Both can be broken down by months in Excel for graphing.

As part of the Government's financial support for Public Housing, providers are paid for the difference between the value of the Income Related Rent and the market rent rate or agreed rent rate for their Public Housing properties. This payment is called the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS).

Public Housing providers are responsible for calculating the amount of the IRRS and claiming the amount from the Ministry.

The Ministry is responsible for processing the IRRS claims and paying the housing provider on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the contract holder).

You can find more information regarding the IRRS at the following link: Introduction - Map (workandincome.govt.nz).

Please note that the Ministry is unable to provide you with data for the month of June 2023. This data is collated at the end of each month and cannot be provided without substantial delay to your request.

Please see **Table One** in the attached excel spreadsheet for information on the number of clients in receipt of Income Related Residential Subsidy in Tararua Territorial Local Authority (TLA) between 1 July 2018, and 31 May 2023 broken down by month.

Please see **Table Two** in the attached excel spreadsheet for information on the number of clients in receipt of Accommodation Supplement in Tararua Territorial Local Authority (TLA) as at end of the month from 1 July 2018, and 31 May 2023 broken down by month.

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 and attachments 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding IRRS tenancies and Accommodation Supplement payments, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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