



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

27 November 2023

Tēnā koe

On 9 November 2023 your request for the number of Housing register applicants was transferred by Kainga Ora to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

For the sake of clarity, I will address your questions in turn.

- 1. Request for number of people on the Housing register for Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Martinborough, Dannevirke, Pahiatua and Woodville in 2023/2024.*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act. Provision of this information would require substantial collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service. In order to provide you with this information the Ministry would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your requests given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

However, you can view Housing Register information, including data for the last five years. The data provided on this page includes the number of people on the Housing Register broken down by bedrooms and Territorial Local Authority (TLA) as at 30 September 2023:

- [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/housing-register.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/housing-register.html).
- 2. Request for number of people on the Housing register for Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Martinborough, Dannevirke, Pahiatua and Woodville in 2024/2025.*

Your request for information on the future forecasting for the number of people on the Housing register in the regions detailed above, is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist. The Ministry does not forecast the number of people on the Housing Register.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response for your request regarding numbers of people on the Housing Register in Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Martinborough, Dannevirke, Pahiatua and Woodville, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AP. E. Hocking', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hocking  
**Group General Manager**  
**Housing**