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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2026, requesting information about a breakdown of emergency housing grants in Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton and Canterbury from 2023 to 2025, including average length of stay.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below. I have also included some general information about Emergency Housing at the end of this letter, for your further information.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** which provides the following tables:

- **Table One:** Emergency Housing (EH) granted to clients in the 'Waimakariri District' Territorial Local Authority area for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025
- **Table Two:** Emergency Housing (EH) granted to clients in the 'Selwyn District' Territorial Local Authority area for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025
- **Table Three:** Emergency Housing (EH) granted to clients in the 'Christchurch City' Territorial Local Authority area for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025
- **Table Four:** Emergency Housing (EH) granted to clients in the 'Ashburton District' Territorial Local Authority area for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025
- **Table Five:** The average number of consecutive weeks that clients have spent in Emergency Housing at 'Canterbury' region during the month ending August 2025 and November 2025.
- **Table Six:** The average number of consecutive weeks that clients have spent in Emergency Housing at selected TLA during the month ending August 2025 and November 2025.

You will note that some data is replaced with an 'S'. This data is suppressed and refused 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, 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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