



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

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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2026 to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), requesting information about Accommodation Supplement (AS) expenditure.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please find the below table that shows the estimated amount of AS for the financial year 2024/2025:

<b>Estimated AS payment for 2025</b>	
Renting	\$1,813,673,902
Boarding	\$175,177,848
Own Home	\$243,172,077
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,232,023,828</b>

Note: This is an estimate split based on average payments made in the last week of each month through the year.

In response to Part 2 of your request, the Ministry does not aggregate renters and boarders to determine if they are renting or boarding from a private individual, Community Home Providers (CHPs) or other categories. This information will be contained in individual files of each recipient, and therefore, refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested would require manual substantial collation or research.

The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service. I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request 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.

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 this response, 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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