



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

24 July 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2026 to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), requesting information about Accommodation Supplement (AS) paid in the Queenstown Territorial Local Authority from 2016 – 2025.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request below.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix One** with the table that shows the number of clients of all ages in receipt of Accommodation Supplement (AS) in Queenstown Lakes District Territorial Local Authority (TLA) as at end of December 2017 to December 2025.

You have also requested information for data for Upper Clutha which includes (Wanaka, Hawea, Hawea Flat, Luggate, Cardrona and Makarora) – I can confirm that this information is already included in the table provided under the Queenstown TLA. The Ministry is unable to break down this TLA further to individual towns.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written in a cursive style.

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Anna Graham

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