



12 May 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2026, requesting a breakdown of Emergency Housing Grants applications in the past 12 months by region and other supports offered.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *Data (ideally in an excel spreadsheet if possible) showing emergency housing grants and declines per region in New Zealand for each month for the past 12 months. Could this please be the 12 months prior to the most recent month the data is available.*
- *Further, could I please have this same dataset but declined applications broken down by categories of other support the applicant received such as referred to transitional housing, etc.*

Please refer to the attached **Appendix One** for the number of Emergency Housing Grants and Declines during the period 1 March 2025 to 31 March 2026, broken down by month and region.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix Two** for data on other assistance accessed by Emergency Housing applicants who were declined during the period 1 March 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please note that clients who have been declined may access multiple forms of assistance and as such, the total declines may not add up with the total supports accessed.

Please note that some information in both appendices has been marked as 'S' and this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in the 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.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request for a breakdown of Emergency Housing Grants (EHGs) applications in the past 12 months by region and other supports offered, 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

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

Anna Graham
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