



15 May 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2026 requesting information about households on the Public Housing Register (the Register) in Wellington in the last 12 months.

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

- *I would like to request under the Official Information Act the number of households on the social housing register in Wellington City in the last twelve months.*

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** for the number of primary applicants on the Social Housing Register in Wellington City Territorial Local Authority as at the end of each month from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, by month.

- *If possible, can this data include the suburbs where households who are on the register awaiting housing reside.*

Some information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as substantial manual collation would be required to collate this information. If held, this information would only be contained within individual client files, which would each require manual review to respond to your request. 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.

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

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