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Ref: DOIA 2122-1832

Jason Whitty

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Dear Jason

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 22 March 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Does the market rent data on the tenancy services website include rent increases where the landlord does not update the bond amount?

Does the market rent data on the tenancy services website include rent increases where the landlord does update the bond amount?

Does the bond data that is used for the market rent data on the tenancy services website have any review to make sure that the correct box has been ticked on the bond lodgement form when selecting the type of property?

What is the New Zealand Government's required sample size to create a valid and accurate statistic?

Has the market rent data on the tenancy services website been collected and processed in a robust manor according to Statistics New Zealand's guidelines?

Can we please have access to all the market rent raw data for Newlands and Johnsonville over the last year including Street, type of property, number of rooms and rent amount?

Please find below my response to each of your questions.

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Does the market rent data on the tenancy services website include rent increases where the landlord does update the bond amount?

Tenancy Services is not notified of rent increases for properties, as rent amounts are only recorded when a bond is lodged. There is no legal requirement for a landlord to notify Tenancy Services of rent increases, which can only be done every 12 months.

The market rent data on the website is updated on a six month rolling period and only includes bonds which have been lodged with a new tenancy start date within that period. Instances where the landlord has updated the bond amount are not included.

What is the New Zealand Government's required sample size to create a valid and accurate statistic?
Please contact Statistics New Zealand who are best placed to respond to this question.

Has the market rent data on the tenancy services website been collected and processed in a robust manner according to Statistics New Zealand's guidelines?

The market rent data on the Tenancy Services website is managed in a robust manner in line with the Statistics New Zealand guidelines.

Can we please have access to all the market rent raw data for Newlands and Johnsonville over the last year including Street, type of property, number of rooms and rent amount?

The attached provides market rent data for the Newlands and Johnsonville suburbs based on bonds that started in the previous 12 months. Please note, where there are fewer than five bonds lodged, this information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your Official Information Act request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ota Savaiinaea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ota Savaiinaea
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Building and Tenancy