



19 DEC 2018

Ms Keri Eagan
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Dear Ms Eagan

In my letter of 16 November 2018, I provided you with national data regarding the number of public housing tenancies broken down by the number of modified properties, and the number of applications on the Housing and Transfer Registers that require a modified home, as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018. I have attached a copy of my previous response for your reference.

You may also recall that I endeavoured to provide you with the same information broken down to a regional level, when the data became available through the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). I am pleased to inform you we now have this information and I thank you for your patience in this matter.

Table One, attached, shows the number of public housing tenancies as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018, broken down by the number of modified properties and Territorial Local Authority (TLA). A property is considered to have been modified if it has had internal modifications made, eg ramps or other mobility support features installed.

Table Two, attached, shows the number of applications on the combined Housing and Transfer Registers, as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018 that required a modified property, broken down by TLA.

In order to protect individual privacy low values in both tables are suppressed or aggregated and represented by 'S'. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

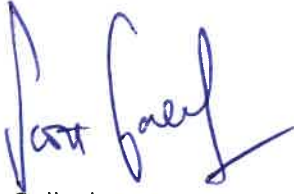
Please note, it is also due to the suppression requirement that the Housing and Transfer Registers have been combined in Table Two. To have separated the Registers would have resulted in much smaller numbers which would have required even further suppression, thus rendering the data unuseful to you.

To enable the enclosed tables to be of further value to you, I would suggest that you also read this response in context of the information I provided in my letter of 16 November 2018.

I hope you find this information regarding modified properties useful, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry at OIA_Requests@hud.govt.nz.

Finally, you do, of course, have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



Scott Gallacher
Deputy Chief Executive, Public Housing Supply

Table One: The number of public housing tenancies as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018, broken down by the number of modified properties and Territorial Local Authority (TLA).

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	As at the quarter ending												
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18
ASHBURTON DISTRICT	18	19	19	19	18	19	20	19	20	21	21	19	21
AUCKLAND SUPER CITY	1,742	1,768	1,584	1,782	1,794	1,802	1,796	1,798	1,800	1,806	1,817	1,814	1,832
BULLER DISTRICT	13	14	14	14	14	16	16	17	18	20	20	20	21
CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CHRISTCHURCH CITY	417	437	455	460	465	472	482	486	493	501	514	522	531
CLUTHA DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
DUNEDIN CITY	147	149	148	154	154	160	160	163	165	166	173	179	184
FAR NORTH DISTRICT	47	49	51	52	51	51	50	50	52	52	52	54	54
GISBORNE DISTRICT	48	53	58	59	57	59	58	58	59	60	59	60	60
GORE DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
GREY DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7	8	8	8
HAMILTON CITY	157	158	169	170	168	174	174	176	178	186	191	192	199
HASTINGS DISTRICT	35	36	36	35	34	36	38	39	40	40	41	42	39
HAURAKI DISTRICT	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
HOROWHENUA DISTRICT	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
INVERCARGILL CITY	68	73	71	70	73	75	76	75	74	80	78	78	81
KAIKOURA DISTRICT	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	[Table One continued] As at the quarter ending													
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18	
KAIPARA DISTRICT	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT	9	10	12	13	13	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
KAWERAU DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
LOWER HUTT CITY	131	138	136	140	142	147	151	154	157	155	157	158	166	
MANAWATU DISTRICT	8	11	10	12	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	
MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT	12	15	17	14	15	16	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	
MASTERTON DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	
NAPIER CITY	61	65	65	64	63	66	66	65	66	66	66	68	68	
NELSON CITY	21	27	28	28	30	30	29	31	29	29	31	31	31	
NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	53	54	57	60	61	59	59	60	57	59	59	59	60	
OPOTIKI DISTRICT	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	S	6	6	6	6	S	
OTOROHANGA DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY	110	111	109	112	111	108	111	109	110	111	109	112	113	
PORIRUA CITY	85	89	89	87	86	88	87	88	89	89	90	91	91	
QUEENSTOWN-LAKES DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
RANGITIKEI DISTRICT	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	S	6	6	
ROTORUA DISTRICT	48	50	49	50	50	49	49	47	50	51	51	49	50	
RUAPEHU DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
SELWYN DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	[Table One continued] As at the quarter ending													
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18	
SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
STRATFORD DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
TASMAN DISTRICT	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	9	
TAUPO DISTRICT	15	17	16	18	18	18	18	17	17	17	17	17	17	
TAURANGA CITY	88	89	99	98	102	110	29	103	102	104	101	104	105	
THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT	21	21	21	21	22	22	21	21	21	20	20	20	20	
TIMARU DISTRICT	46	51	54	54	56	56	57	59	60	60	60	60	60	
UPPER HUTT CITY	17	20	20	21	21	20	20	20	23	23	23	22	23	
WAIKATO DISTRICT	16	17	17	18	18	18	16	17	17	17	23	22	22	
WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	9	
WAIMATE DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
WAIAPA DISTRICT	18	18	18	20	20	20	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	
WAIROA DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
WAITAKI DISTRICT	16	16	16	18	18	18	18	16	17	18	18	19	18	
WAITOMO DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
WELLINGTON CITY	37	38	40	40	42	41	41	43	43	44	44	43	43	
WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DIST	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	
WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	
WESTLAND DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	[Table One continued] As at the quarter ending												
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18
WHAKATANE DISTRICT	42	42	42	42	41	43	43	42	41	42	43	43	44
WHANGANUI DISTRICT	79	75	75	76	81	81	81	83	83	83	82	82	81
WHANGAREI DISTRICT	125	127	129	130	129	130	130	132	133	132	132	132	136
UNKNOWN/OTHER	23	24	24	24	24	24	25	21	23	21	21	24	6
Total	3,882	3,991	3,857	4,089	4,119	4,173	4,097	4,191	4,224	4,268	4,310	4,335	4,372

Notes:

- The property is considered to have been modified if it has had internal modifications made, ramps installed or other mobility support features installed.
- This includes both Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and Community Housing Provider (CHP) tenancies.
- There is sometimes a delay in tenancy information reaching MSD and as such tenancy numbers may not always align with HNZ and CHP tenancy numbers at a point in time.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the tenancy address. TLA is defined under the Local Government Act 2002 as a city council or district council.
- Ungeocoded tenancy address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Table Two: The number of applications on the combined Housing and Transfer Registers, as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018 that required a modified property, broken down by Territorial Local Authority (TLA).

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	As at the quarter ending												
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18
ASHBURTON DISTRICT	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0
AUCKLAND SUPER CITY	278	301	259	227	219	208	194	187	172	169	232	243	258
BULLER DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S
CHRISTCHURCH CITY	29	31	29	43	42	38	35	30	21	19	22	15	19
CLUTHA DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0
DUNEDIN CITY	13	13	11	9	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
FAR NORTH DISTRICT	24	17	14	9	8	9	6	S	S	S	8	7	6
GISBORNE DISTRICT	8	S	7	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
GORE DISTRICT	0	S	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREY DISTRICT	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	S
HAMILTON CITY	44	45	33	32	28	27	28	30	29	29	30	33	35
HASTINGS DISTRICT	12	11	13	9	8	7	S	6	9	6	9	11	19
HAURAKI DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S
HOROWHENUA DISTRICT	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	6
HURUNUI DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INVERCARGILL CITY	S	S	6	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
KAIPARA DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7	6	6
KAWERAU DISTRICT	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
LOWER HUTT CITY	11	12	11	7	9	15	13	17	21	20	15	18	20
MANAWATU DISTRICT	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	[Table Two continued] As at the quarter ending													
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18	
MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
MASTERTON DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	
NAPIER CITY	60	50	47	32	25	22	20	11	12	7	S	6	12	
NELSON CITY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7	6	8	9	7	
NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	S	S	6	6	S	6	8	8	12	16	11	9	6	
OPOTIKI DISTRICT	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	
OTOROHANGA DISTRICT	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY	S	S	7	8	9	9	10	13	13	12	17	19	15	
PORIRUA CITY	9	6	6	7	S	6	7	10	11	11	14	14	17	
QUEENSTOWN-LAKES DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	
RANGITIKEI DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	
ROTORUA DISTRICT	S	8	6	S	6	7	6	8	7	9	6	8	8	
RUAPEHU DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	0	
SELWYN DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	
SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	
SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT	0	S	S	0	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	
SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	S	
STRATFORD DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	
TARARUA DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	S	
TASMAN DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	0	S	6	7	S	S	S	S	S	
TAUPO DISTRICT	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	S	

Territorial Local Authority (TLA)	[Table Two continued] As at the quarter ending													
	30-Sep-15	31-Dec-15	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	30-Sep-16	31-Dec-16	31-Mar-17	30-Jun-17	30-Sep-17	31-Dec-17	31-Mar-18	30-Jun-18	30-Sep-18	
TAURANGA CITY	27	28	22	20	16	12	12	12	6	6	9	11	10	
THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
TIMARU DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
UPPER HUTT CITY	6	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	S	8	7	S	6	
WAIKATO DISTRICT	S	S	S	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	8	S	
WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
WAIAPA DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	
WAIROA DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
WAITAKI DISTRICT	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	
WAITOMO DISTRICT	0	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
WELLINGTON CITY	21	19	15	18	13	11	16	13	17	12	12	11	12	
WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	
WHAKATANE DISTRICT	6	6	S	S	7	6	6	6	S	S	S	S	7	
WHANGANUI DISTRICT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	7	
WHANGAREI DISTRICT	24	28	22	21	19	18	14	12	11	9	20	21	20	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Total	640	651	569	510	475	464	451	437	417	408	497	520	556	

Notes:

- This only includes priority A and B applications. The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the end of the quarter and may have changed prior to this date. This also includes applications both on the Housing Register and the Transfer Register.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of each period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.



16 NOV 2019

Ms Keri Eagan
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Dear Ms Eagan

On 19 September 2018, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Please indicate the number of properties purpose built or planned to be built to accommodate disabilities in social housing (if any) for each of the years 2013 to 2018, in each region.*

Since its establishment on 1 October 2018, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) has assumed responsibility for reporting on public housing tenancies. The Ministry has worked closely with MSD in preparing this response to your request. As you are aware, you will receive a separate response from Housing New Zealand, being New Zealand's largest provider of public housing.

The Ministry is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are able to access public housing that meets their needs. For example we are continuing to work in partnership with registered community housing providers and Housing New Zealand to increase and vary the supply of public housing and transitional housing places, as well as making sure we are providing the support people need to build more independent lives. In addition, through the Ministry of Health, some public housing properties are able to be modified to meet people's specific needs. This can be anywhere from installing handrails to making homes completely accessible and functional.

The Ministry is also seeking to support projects that are designed to offer additional facilities for targeted cohorts, for example accessible units that cater to people with disabilities and/or older people. We are also looking to engage with providers to explore the development of new accessibility standards for public and affordable housing.

In terms of your request, the Ministry does not have visibility over the total number of properties purpose built or planned to be built to accommodate people with disabilities in public housing. The Ministry does not hold records containing the information you have requested, this is the domain of housing providers; rather we do subsidise public housing tenancies through contracts with registered community housing providers and the income-related rent subsidy. Therefore your request for the number of properties purpose built or planned to be built to accommodate disabilities in public housing is refused under section 18(g) of Official Information Act as this information is not held by the Ministry. However, we are able to report on the

number of public housing tenancies where it is indicated that the property is modified.

Table One, attached, shows the number of public housing tenancies as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018, broken down by quarter and the number of modified properties. A property is considered to have been modified if it has had internal modifications made, eg ramps or other mobility support features installed. In August 2015, MSD transitioned from using Housing New Zealand's IT system to its own. As such, we can only provide this data from the quarter ending September 2015 onwards.

You may also be interested in the number of applications on the Social Housing Register that require a modified home. The Social Housing Register comprises the Housing Register, which is a count of applicants who are waiting for the allocation of a public house, and the Transfer Register, which is the number of public housing tenants whose current home no longer meets their requirements. To be placed on the Social Housing Register, an applicant undertakes a housing need assessment with MSD. This assessment is based on the household composition, housing circumstances, housing history and also takes into account a person's need to move due to a disability or for medical needs.

Table Two, attached, shows the number of applications on the Social Housing Register as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018 that required a modified property, broken down by quarter and register type.

MSD, in consultation with the Ministry, is currently revising its processes as part of continuous improvement in reporting. This has resulted in delays in providing you with this information at a regional level. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. The Ministry will provide the information broken down by territorial authority as soon as the data becomes available. Please advise by return email if you no longer require this information. In the meantime, I hope you find the enclosed national level data useful.

If you wish to discuss this response regarding modified public housing properties with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@hud.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 or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Scott Gallacher
Deputy Chief Executive, Public Housing Supply

Table One: Number of public housing tenancies as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018, broken down by quarter and the number of modified properties

Quarter ending	Modified Property		Total Tenancies
	No	Yes	
September 2015	58,648	3,882	62,530
December 2015	59,372	3,991	63,363
March 2016	56,855	3,857	60,712*
June 2016	59,417	4,089	63,506
September 2016	59,432	4,119	63,551
December 2016	59,672	4,173	63,845
March 2017	58,969	4,097	63,066**
June 2017	60,347	4,191	64,538
September 2017	60,696	4,224	64,920
December 2017	60,920	4,268	65,188
March 2018	61,163	4,310	65,473
June 2018	61,449	4,335	65,784
September 2018	61,863	4,372	66,235

Notes:

- The property is considered to have been modified if it has had internal modifications made, ramps installed or other mobility support features installed.
- This includes both Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and Community Housing Provider (CHP) tenancies.
- There is sometimes a delay in tenancy information reaching MSD and as such tenancy numbers may not always align with HNZ and CHP tenancy numbers at a point in time.
- *On 1 April 2016, 2,596 tenancies were transferred from HNZ to CHP Tāmaki Regeneration Company. The HNZ tenancies were ended on 31 March 2016 with the new tenancies commencing from 1 April 2016. As such, these tenancies are missing from the quarter end number and included in the following quarter.
- **On 1 April 2017, 1,108 tenancies were transferred from HNZ to CHP Accessible Properties Limited. The HNZ tenancies were ended on 31 March 2017 with the new tenancies commencing from 1 April 2017. As such, these tenancies are missing from the quarter end number and included in the following quarter.

Table Two: The number of applications on the Social Housing Register as at the quarters ending 30 September 2015 to 30 September 2018 that require a modified property, broken down by quarter and register type

Quarter ending	Housing Register	Transfer Register	Total
September 2015	388	252	640
December 2015	391	260	651
March 2016	348	221	569
June 2016	312	198	510
September 2016	309	166	475
December 2016	301	163	464
March 2017	299	152	451
June 2017	277	160	437
September 2017	260	157	417
December 2017	253	155	408
March 2018	324	173	497
June 2018	337	183	520
September 2018	376	180	556

Notes:

- This only includes priority A and B applications. The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the end of the quarter and may have changed prior to this date.