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Dear Paula

I refer to your email of 19 October 2018 to the Ministry of Social Development requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The total number of people waiting for a HNZC house in Marlborough and what the longest period of time is that somebody waited for accommodation to become available in the last five years.*

On 25 October 2018, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) transferred your request for information to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) for response. On 15 November 2018, the Ministry extended the time to provide you with a response by 20 December 2018.

As you are aware, Ministry recently released the September 2018 Public Housing Quarterly Report and Housing Regional Factsheets which provide the latest facts on public housing supply and demand, housing support, and the movement of people through the public housing system. Copies of these reports can be found on our website here: www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/news/tracking-progress-public-housing/.

MSD has also released the September 2018 Social Housing Register which shows the number of households eligible for, and awaiting public housing. You will also find demographics broken down by age of the main applicant. The Social Housing Register, which consists of the Housing and Transfer Registers, can be found on MSD's website here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/index.html.

Please find attached two tables which show the number of priority A and B applications housed in the Marlborough District Territorial Authority and nationally by quarter and the time it took for them to be housed.

I hope you find this information 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

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Table 1: Number of priority A and B applications housed and average days to house for applications housed in the Marlborough District by quarter

Quarter Ending	Number of Applications Housed	Mean days to House	Median days to House	Maximum Days to House	Minimum Days to House
31-Dec-15	13	24	20	72	3
31-Mar-16	8	76	69	162	25
30-Jun-16	7	86	83	181	33
30-Sep-16	16	151	69	983	4
31-Dec-16	22	95	78	454	3
31-Mar-17	18	116	79	298	14
30-Jun-17	6	161	148	350	16
30-Sep-17	17	139	125	429	14
31-Dec-17	14	118	96	287	23
31-Mar-18	14	133	74	383	8
30-Jun-18	S	132	69	413	38
30-Sep-18	13	112	75	400	6

Notes:

- It is not possible to produce data for the September 2015 quarter due to the August IT implementation and migration of data from Housing New Zealand Corporation to the Ministry of Social Development.
- After September 2015 time to house is defined as the number of calendar days between the date an application is first confirmed live on the Social Housing Register and the date a tenancy is activated for that application.
- The date a tenancy is activated may differ from the tenancy start date.
- The A and B priority applications used in these tables are as at the time of accepting an offer of social housing, the application priority may have changed prior to this date.
- The quarter in which the tenancy was activated is the quarter in which the application has been reported as housed in.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation or with a Community Housing Provider.
- 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.
- 'S' represents a suppressed cell to protect client privacy.

Table 2: Number of priority A and B applications housed and average days to house for applications housed nationally by quarter

Quarter Ending	Number of Applications Housed	Mean days to House	Median days to House	Maximum Days to House	Minimum Days to House
31-Dec-15	1,413	145	59	2,591	1
31-Mar-16	1,440	144	65	2,010	2
30-Jun-16	1,726	123	49	2,926	1
30-Sep-16	1,646	123	53	4,128	0
31-Dec-16	1,779	114	56	1,685	0
31-Mar-17	1,799	107	52	1,616	0
30-Jun-17	1,725	116	55	1,484	0
30-Sep-17	1,876	105	50	2,482	0

Quarter Ending	Number of Applications Housed	Mean days to House	Median days to House	Maximum Days to House	Minimum Days to House
31-Dec-17	1,673	122	58	1,967	0
31-Mar-18	1,568	121	64	3,103	0
30-Jun-18	1,527	137	77	2,143	0
30-Sep-18	1,721	143	86	3,344	0

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