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Thank you for your email on 12 April 2022 requesting information about The Salvation Army under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Transitional housing is temporary accommodation and support for individuals or families who are in urgent need of housing. It provides warm, dry, safe, short term housing for people and families who have an urgent need for a place to stay. Public housing provides individuals and families with a warm, dry, safe place to live. Public housing is owned or leased by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities or Community Housing Providers (CHP), and is tenanted by people who are eligible.

The Salvation Army provides both transitional housing and public housing. We have provided information on both these services for your questions, which are answered below in turn.

*How much has HUD awarded the Salvation Army in operating supplements or income related rent subsidies to provide community housing, each year since HUD was established.*

*Of these, which development models were used out of: build and own, build to lease, build to transfer, turnkey purchase.*

*How many rentals has the Salvation Army built using HUD funding each year since HUD was established?*

The table below shows the amount of funding to The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust by funding type by financial year.

	Financial year			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (to 31 March 2022)
<b>Type of funding</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Public Housing Accommodation	2,775	3,714	3,304	4,067
Public Housing Services	-	553	2,110	1,270
Transitional Housing Accommodation	6,903	7,467	11,181	8,629
Transitional Housing Services	9,558	8,920	14,791	15,361

The following table shows the total funding provided to The Salvation Army per financial year broken down by region.

	Financial year			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (to 31 March 2022)
Region	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Auckland	7,962	8,840	11,246	13,524
Bay of Plenty	1,703	1,958	2,501	2,322
Canterbury	2,379	1,455	4,073	2,739
Central	462	825	1,664	1,220
East Coast	1,588	1,313	1,751	1,320
Nelson	413	896	2,705	1,683
Northland	1,112	746	1,737	1,162
Southern	890	1,261	1,852	1,539
Taranaki	357	484	549	535
Waikato	366	745	875	1,007
Wellington	1,112	970	1,009	984
Multiple regions (where an invoice is applied to multiple regions)	891	1,169	1,425	1,293

At the end of February 2022, The Salvation Army had 254 public housing places nationally. Of these, 118 were new builds. At the end of February 2022, The Salvation Army provided 781 transitional housing places across Aotearoa. The Ministry only has data on new builds since October 2019. Since October 2019, The Salvation Army had brought on 265 transitional housing places. Of these, 103 were new builds.

The Ministry does not centrally record the type of development model used.

*How many rentals does HUD support the Salvation Army to use as a community housing provider? Please provide a breakdown of the above by region*

We produce a series of resources that track our progress. One such series are the housing regional factsheets, which provide a localised view of supported housing across Aotearoa. Included in these factsheets is the numbers of public and transitional housing places broken down by CHP for each region. You can download these factsheets here: [www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/public-housing-reports/). This part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested is publicly available.

*Any reports analysing the Salvation Army's accreditation as a community housing provider.*

As part of the registration process, the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) produces an evaluation report for each applicant which considers if the CHP meets the prescribed Performance Standards and Guidelines, which you can read about here: [chra.hud.govt.nz/information-for-chps/performance-standards-and-guidelines/](http://chra.hud.govt.nz/information-for-chps/performance-standards-and-guidelines/).

The report on The Salvation Army is withheld in full under section 92(ba)(i) of the Act: to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

*How much in total the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has paid to community housing providers in operating supplements or income related rent subsidies since establishment, per year*

*How many houses have been built by CHPs since HUD was established*

The Government Housing Dashboard is published alongside the public housing regional factsheets and quarterly reports is. The dashboard is a single place to track progress of key parts of the Government's housing programme, including the number of new build public housing places delivered by CHPs and the amount of IRRS and OS paid since June 2017. You can access the dashboard here: [www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/).

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*A list of the ten largest CHPs (by number of submarket rentals they provide), and an estimate of how much of % of CHP public housing places they provide.*

The ten largest CHPs by total number of public or affordable houses they provide are:

- Tāmaki Housing Association Limited Partnership – 16.7 percent of total social or affordable housing units
- Otautahi Community Housing Trust – 15.4 percent
- Accessible Properties Limited – 11.7 percent
- Haumarū Housing Limited Partnership – 9.2 percent
- Te Āhuru Mōwai Limited Partnership – 5.9 percent
- Monte Cecilia Housing Trust – 3.9 percent
- LinkPeople – 3.7 percent
- Trust House Limited – 3.2 percent
- Kahui Tu Kaha Limited – 2.8 percent
- Community of Refuge Trust – 2.5 percent

These percentages are based on the updates we receive from individual CHPs and should be taken as indicative only. This includes all stock, not just those that receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy.

*How many CHPs as a percentage are registered charities?*

Fifty-seven of 67 registered CHPs are registered charities (85 percent).

You 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WB' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

William Barris

**Acting General Manager Partnerships and Performance**