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On 25 November 2025 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

A copy of the most recent Homelessness Insights Report produced by the Ministry - ie the next iteration after the June 2025 report, if available.

A summary of all underlying data used to prepare that report, including but not limited to:

Rough-sleeper counts, outreach data, provider observations (for the relevant period of reporting)

Flows into and out of emergency housing, including applications, declines, and exits into other housing services

Data about transitional housing and the housing register relevant to homelessness monitoring

Ethnicity breakdowns and other demographic summary data used in the report

Any working papers, spreadsheets, supplementary annexes, or methodological notes associated with the report

A brief description or summary of the methodology used for the latest report: how the data was collected, aggregated and any limitations noted by HUD or partner agencies.

If the report is scheduled but not yet delivered, could you please provide:

The expected delivery date

Whether there is a draft version available (and if yes, please provide the draft)

Any changes to the approach since the June 2025 iteration (for example changes in data sources, frequency, scope)

In regard to your request for the - *most recent Homelessness Insights Report* - (the Report), we are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the grounds that the information will be publicly available in due course on the Ministry's website at: www.hud.govt.nz/documents

I can also inform you that that the expected delivery date of the Report has not yet been confirmed, but it is expected to be publicly available in December 2025.

In regard to the parts of the request for a summary of "*all underlying data*" and Report related documents, including "*any working papers, spreadsheets, supplementary annexes or methodological notes*". A summary of data and the Report related documents that exist are being used to create the Report. Therefore, this part of your request is withheld under s9(g)(i) of the Act to protect the free and frank expression of opinions for a yet to be completed document.

The methodology and approach of how the Ministry collated information will also be set out in the publicly released version of the Report.

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 at: 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



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