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Thank you for your email on 20 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...how much money in total the NZ government have spent on housing (supports, building, transitional and emergency housing) from 2020 to 2021

I would also if possible to have a breakdown of ages and ethnicities of the households in emergency housing and transitional housing – and if possible who are in the housing first program

Your other request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities for money spent on housing was also transferred to Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) on 20 October 2021.

On 26 October, we provided you with links to the Estimates of appropriations to respond to the first part of your request.

The part of your request for data on those staying in emergency housing was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) on 26 October. You will hear from them on that.

The Ministry's data on people staying in transitional housing or participating in Housing First is based on reporting from contracted providers. This reporting does not capture the ethnicity of tenants, so your request for ethnicity data is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, because the information requested is not held.

Table 1 attached shows the number of households in transitional housing by age group as at 31 August 2021. Table 2 shows the age group of the primary applicant participating in Housing First as at 31 August 2021.

It may interest you to know that the Ministry regularly publishes information on public and transitional housing, other housing built by the Government, the housing register and other housing support provided. You can access the dashboard at: www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/.

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.

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 read 'AS', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Table 1

This table shows the number of clients and households in transitional housing as at 31 August 2021. Data is based on reporting from providers and may be incomplete. Percentages have been provided instead of actual counts as these give a more representative view of clients in transitional housing, given the potential for incomplete reporting.

Age group	Reported clients	Households with at least one member in the age group
<18	35%	34%
18-24	10%	18%
25-35	19%	36%
36-45	10%	20%
46-55	8%	16%
56-65	4%	8%
66+	2%	4%
Unknown	12%	11%

Each household may appear in multiple rows of this table. Each row shows how many households contain at least one person in that age range. This means that the total will be greater than 100 percent. For example, a household with a 45 year old and two children will appear once in the '36-45' row and once in the 'child' row.

Table 2

This table provides counts of households participating in Housing First at 31 August 2021 who continue to need support, which includes households housed and receiving support, and those not yet housed.

Age group	Number of primary applicants as at 31 August 2021
18-24	160
25-35	535
36-45	506
46-55	515
56-65	251
66+	40
unknown	86
Total	2,093

Age group is based on the data of birth provided by providers, which is sometimes not available. For Housing First, age is only available for the lead applicant in a household.