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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 22 November 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'm trying to make the argument that a budget bid for more employees is needed in order for HUD to effectively deliver their work programmes. As part of this I'm looking at how many people are currently working within HUD.

I would like to request if possible, the current work programmes being undertaken by HUD and the number of FTE's allocated to each work programme.

I understand that may be a difficult request so I'm more than happy to just be told the number of employees that work on work programmes related to the Residential Tenancies Act. This wouldn't have to be separated by work programs, just a total number would be all good.

If the teams working on projects owned by Poto Williams have provided any notification to the Minister or the Chief Executive around their inability to meet deliverables due to staffing, or asked for budget bids to increase staffing (in the last budget, or the upcoming budget) I would love a copy!

As at 10 December 2021, there were 5.95 FTE employees working on the Residential Tenancies Act linked work programme. If you would like to know the number broken down by work programme please let me know.

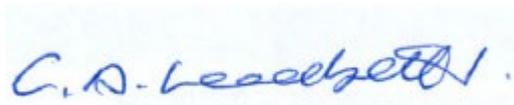
There have been a number of prioritisation conversations with Hon Williams across the year, including at the time of the nationwide lockdown when the team commenced work on covid-related legislation and prior to that to allow priority to be given to making changes to the Healthy Homes Regulations. Updated timelines and prioritisation were advised to the Chief Executive through internal reporting.

The team did not ask for further funding for permanent staffing as the team has had a number of vacancies. The priority is to recruit into those vacancies for permanent FTE.

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 blue ink that reads "C. Leadbetter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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