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Thank you for your email of 28 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like information on the full number of adults and children in the Rotorua emergency housing programme, different from the MSD run Emergency Housing. The age range, ethnicity and sex of the clients would be very appreciated.

Also, any information regarding the rapid rehousing programme in terms of number of people housed by rapid rehousing or on the list, as well as ethnicity and number of children as well

Also a confirmation on whether the COVID motels are still in use please, with indication of number of children, adults and the ethnicity of the clients as well

Contracted Emergency Housing (CEH)

Data on the number and composition of households in CEH in Rotorua is published monthly on Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's website. You can view the latest Rotorua Temporary Housing Dashboard for July 2023 at: www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Rotorua-Temporary-Housing-Dashboard/Rotorua-Temporary-Housing-Dashboard-July-2023.pdf.

Please note that providers collect CEH data at the household level, and only the demographic information of the primary client is recorded. For this reason, we are unable to provide a breakdown of the age range of tenants. The dashboard does however provide a breakdown of the number of adults and children living in CEH.

The CEH programme does not capture the ethnicity, sex or gender of tenants. For this reason, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(g)(i), that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

Rapid Rehousing

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i), as the Ministry does not regularly report on Rapid Rehousing. We are currently in the process of developing a regular reporting process for Rapid Rehousing and hope to have this in place later in 2023.

COVID-19 Motels

Data on the number and composition of households in COVID-19 accommodation, including a breakdown of adults and children, as well as ethnicity, is also available on the Rotorua Temporary Housing Dashboard.

The Ministry does not collect data on the gender of tenants in COVID-19 accommodation, so this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i).

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Winton', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Winton
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