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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Funding Allocations (MCA and HAP)*

*Information related to Multi-Category Appropriation (MCA) budget allocations and the Homelessness Action Plan (HAP) funding, specifically:*

*1. Details of any HUD involvement in setting MCA budget allocations for services related to housing support, work readiness, and skills development.*

*2. Any communications or documents regarding reductions in HAP funding, particularly relating to:*

- Emergency Housing Navigation and Support Services*
- Ready to Rent programs*
- EH Flexible Funding*

*Future Funding Opportunities*

*(3) Any information on future tenders, grants, or reallocation of HAP funding that may be relevant to the Manawatu Tenants' Union, particularly concerning tenancy services, housing support, or emergency housing programs.*

I respond to each of your three questions below:

***1. Details of any HUD involvement in setting MCA budget allocations for services related to housing support, work readiness, and skills development.***

On the 7 November 2024 we asked you to clarify exactly what information you required, and provided you with publicly available information to enable you to specify which MCA and activity you wish to seek information about.

You responded that “I have asked for *Information related to Multi-Category Appropriation (MCA) budget allocations and the Homelessness Action Plan (HAP) funding*. So this would be all matter or MCA appropriations that specifically relate to Homeless Action Plan.”

Beyond the information that we have provided you with, that is already publicly available, I refuse this part of your request under Section 18(f) of the Act that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

**2. Any communications or documents regarding reductions in HAP funding, particularly relating to:**

- Emergency Housing Navigation and Support Services
- Ready to Rent programs
- EH Flexible Funding

On the 11 November 2024 we advised you that we had transferred question 2 to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) as the subject of the request is more closely connected with the functions of this agency. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

**3. Any information on future tenders, grants, or reallocation of HAP funding that may be relevant to the Manawatu Tenants' Union, particularly concerning tenancy services, housing support, or emergency housing program**

We are currently unaware of any relevant opportunities, however we recommend you monitor the New Zealand Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) website at [www.gets.govt.nz](http://www.gets.govt.nz) for relevant procurement opportunities as well as Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's website at [www.hud.govt.nz](http://www.hud.govt.nz).

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.

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](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.

Ngā mihi, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WB', followed by a horizontal line.

Will Barris  
**General Manager, Partnerships and Performance**  
**Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development**