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On 28 February 2018, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) requesting the following information:

“how many social housing tenants have been evicted in Tauranga over a five year period, and the reason for the evictions if possible.”

On 9 March 2018, MSD partially transferred your request under the section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Housing New Zealand.

The following table provides data on evictions of Housing New Zealand tenants in Tauranga over a five year period, and the main reason the tenancy was ended. Evictions are rare and are used only as a last resort.

An eviction occurs where a court bailiff is authorised to obtain possession of a property after a tenancy has been ended by the Tenancy Tribunal, the landlord has an order for possession of the property, and the tenant has not vacated it.

Evictions of Housing New Zealand tenants in Tauranga

Reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Anti-social behaviour			1		
Illegal activity – methamphetamine				2	
Illegal activity – other drugs					1
Rent arrears				1	
Total	0	0	1	3	1

Note: on 1 April 2017, Housing New Zealand’s portfolio of 1,140 properties was transferred to Accessible Properties Limited, which took over the role of managing these tenancies.

Please note that Housing New Zealand works with tenants who fall behind in their rent payments, including setting up repayment plans and linking them to services that can help with budgeting advice.

Housing New Zealand is also revising its policies with a focus on sustaining tenancies. The objective for sustaining tenancies is to help tenants and their families who require support to

live healthy lives in their homes. That includes people experiencing addiction and drug-related harm, ill health and financial pressures. For those tenants, stable housing is fundamental to better life outcomes. As part of this policy work, Housing New Zealand has been talking with key stakeholders, including health and social service providers along with our staff who work in communities throughout New Zealand.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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