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Dear Ms Cole

On 10 April 2017, Housing New Zealand Corporation transferred to the Ministry, your request under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

- *The number of Social Housing tenancies ended because of reviewable tenancies each year from 2013, and of these, how many people moved into the private rental market or are now living in emergency accommodation and the number of people that were moved because the house was the wrong size, location or the tenant was over the income threshold.*

The Ministry of Social Development (Ministry) introduced tenancy reviews from 1 July 2014 with the initial focus on those tenants paying market, or near market, rent and living in areas with a high supply of private housing. People's housing needs change over time and while some tenants may require social housing for many years, the type of property that suits them best could change over time.

All social housing tenants, with a few exceptions, may be contacted for a tenancy review. This makes sure that the right people are in the right place for the right length of time and that social housing places are freed up for those who need them most.

If a person is found not eligible for social housing after a formal review they are given a three-month transition period in which if they do not agree, they can complete a Review of Decision. After the three months, the Ministry will advise their housing provider that the client is no longer eligible for social housing. The housing provider is responsible for deciding whether to end a tenancy. If the tenancy is not to be continued the provider will issue a 90-day notice to that effect, to the client.

There is more information on the tenancy review process on the Work and Income website: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/tenancy-reviews/introduction.html

Between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2017, the Ministry has commenced 6,554 tenancy reviews and of these, 4,228 have so far had an outcome as at 31 March 2017. Please note that tenancy reviews that do not have an outcome are still in progress.

The following table shows the number of tenancy reviews since 1 July 2014, broken down by their outcome, as at 31 March 2017.

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The number of tenancy reviews since 1 July 2014, broken down by their outcome, as at 31 March 2017.

Tenancy review outcome	As at 31 March 2017
Voluntarily moved into a private rental property	773
Purchased a home	146
Vacated after being not found eligible for social housing*	55
Moved for other reasons	156
Remain eligible for social housing	2,884
Found not eligible and in three-month transition period*	137
Found not eligible and their housing provider notified*	130
Deselected or deferred from tenancy review	7
Total	4,228

*The Ministry does not hold any information as to where a household moves onto in these instances.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response about reviewable tenancies with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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