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Dear Chris

Thank you for your email 22 August 2016 to Housing New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*As of 22 August 2016 the number of people (principal applicants, not including family members) who are on waiting lists for HNZN houses in each HNZN region, and the number of those in each region already in an HNZN house waiting for a transfer to a different house.*

I am sorry for the delay in our response.

I am providing information about Housing New Zealand Business Initiative Transfers. For a transfer to occur, there must be an evident need for it. This includes properties being part of a redevelopment, leases expiring, overcrowding or under-utilisation of a property.

The following table shows the number of households on our Business Initiative Transfer list at the end of August 2016. We report information to the end of each month, and hope this will meet your needs.

**Number of applications at 31 August 2016**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number of applications</b>
Central North Island	106
East and South Auckland	209
Northland Western and Central Auckland	193
Wellington/Southern	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>

We emailed you on 22 September 2016 to say that the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) became responsible for assessing applicants' eligibility for social housing tenancies in April 2014. We provided you with the Ministry's website, which shows applicant numbers, <http://housing.msd.govt.nz/information-for-housing-providers/register/index.html#Socialhousingregisternumbersbyregister2>.

I will forward your request to the Ministry, as they also have their own list of transfers, for example transfers on health grounds. However, please note their data will not align with Housing New Zealand regions.

Yours sincerely



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