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Dear s 9(2)(a)

On 29 January 2025 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to establish what the current figures are regarding homelessness.

The only information I found was dated back to 2018; At the time of the 2018 Census, according to a 2020 report by Stats NZ, 41,644 individuals in New Zealand were considered to be 'severely housing deprived' or experiencing homelessness. Of those individuals, 3,522 were considered to be 'without shelter'; 7,567 'were in temporary accommodation'; and 30,555 'were sharing accommodation', or living temporarily in a 'severely crowded private dwelling'.

The 2018 Severe Housing Deprivation report is available on the Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) website at: www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/2018-severe-housing-deprivation-estimate. Please refer to page 37 of this report, table E to find statistics on severely housing deprived population by housing deprivation type and regional council area.

The Ministry understands that Stats NZ released an update to the 2023 Census severe housing deprivation estimates, in December 2024. You can find this information on their website at: www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/2023-census-severe-housing-deprivation-homelessness-estimates/#text-alt

You can also access figures and make comparisons of 2018 figures to the new 2023 figures on the Aotearoa Data Explorer website and type in 'Severe Housing Deprivation': explore.data.stats.govt.nz

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Winton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Winton

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Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development