Table 1: Number of declined Emergency Housing applications from 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2025
by quarter ending and decline reason

General Notes:
This is a count of declines. A client could have more than one decline in a period.

Confidentiality Notes:
To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Declined Reasons / Quarter Ending	March 2023	June 2023	September 2023	December 2023	March 2024	June 2024	September 2024	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	September 2025
A bond refund will be available to cover this cost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0
Already had a rent arrears payment in the last 52 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
Already received help for same/similar need in the past	12	S	15	9	12	9	S	S	S	6	S
Cash assets/Income exceed limit	30	39	30	6	24	18	24	30	36	30	30
Circumstances could have been reasonably foreseen	126	126	132	105	135	189	156	75	75	78	75
Cost of funeral- unveiling or koha must be met by client	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0
Did not participate in budgeting	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0	0	0
Does not meet all the criteria (rural sector S/down)	S	S	9	12	21	18	9	S	S	9	9
Lack of Representation	9	15	6	12	6	15	21	12	24	42	51
Landlord is not likely to continue the tenancy	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	9	6	S
More than 1 person applied to meet the same expense	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No dependent children (Strike S/down)	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0
Not Applicable	6	12	21	15	15	12	S	12	18	30	30
Not a long term patient (re establishment costs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0
Not a qualifying need	99	114	168	156	177	150	171	171	198	324	363
Not an economic purchase	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
Not an emergency situation	54	51	108	75	54	36	51	66	123	198	300
Not an essential need	15	S	12	9	S	6	9	12	15	36	39
Not at risk of losing the tenancy	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	12	12	21
Not likely to sustain the tenancy	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S
Not supported by appropriate agency (e.g. Woman's Refuge)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	9	S	S
Other	75	75	81	87	75	75	66	54	66	75	96
Outstanding balance exceeds 6 week limit	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qualifies for a Recoverable Assistance Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	S
Qualifies for a non-recoverable SNG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0
Qualifies for an advance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S
Reasonable steps have not been taken to find alternative housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	78	84	99	126
Sufficient financial resource	S	S	0	0	S	0	0	S	0	S	S
The accommodation is not likely to be retained	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	S	S	S
The need can be met in another way	273	291	294	309	291	282	354	309	411	510	660
The required supporting evidence has not been provided	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12	24	21	21
The residency criteria for this grant has not been met	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	6	S
The tenancy is not likely to be obtained	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	S	0	0
There is no risk of losing the accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	15	15	21
There is not difficulty with obtaining alternative housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	24	63	72	96
Two previous grants of this kind have already been approved in the last 52 weeks	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0
You are currently on a 13-week non-entitlement period for a benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0
You are on a non-entitlement for emergency housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	9	6	6
You declined adequate accommodation that is opted-in to the supplier standards, and you are not eligible for not opted-in	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	S
You did not agree to meet the responsibilities of this grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S
You do not have an immediate need	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	24	42	87	96
You have caused or contributed to your immediate need	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	264	312	360	321
Your main benefit is currently reduced or suspended under a sanction for failing to meet your work obligations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0
Total	**714**	**753**	**882**	**801**	**831**	**825**	**1,098**	**1,194**	**1,569**	**2,037**	**2,382**