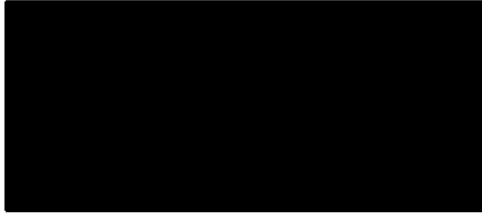


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Thank you for your email of 13 July 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *The total number of Housing New Zealand (HNZ) dwellings in New Zealand as of July 2018?*
- 2) *Do HNZ clients receive skip bins? Why is this? And how often are they provided with skip bins?*
- 3) *Can I get a breakdown, per calendar year between 2013 and 2018, of the number of skip bins provided to HNZ clients per region?*
- 4) *Can I get a breakdown, by area, of these numbers for the Waikato region area. E.g. Hamilton, Cambridge.*
- 5) *Which streets in Hamilton were provided with the most skip bins between 2013 and 2018?*
- 6) *What is the cost? Can this be broken down by calendar year, between 2013 and 2018, and by region*
- 7) *Is this a good use of Government money, to fund skip bins?*

I have answered your questions below.

**1) The total number of Housing New Zealand (HNZ) dwellings in New Zealand as of July 2018.**

As at 31 July 2018 Housing New Zealand had 63,995 properties in its portfolio. This figure includes 1,494 community group housing properties that are leased to local service providers, and 661 emergency and transitional properties.

**2) Do HNZ clients receive skip bins? Why is this and how often are they provided with skip bins?**

Over the last five financial years, Housing New Zealand has provided an average of around 500 skip bins per financial year to its tenants. Housing New Zealand tenants may request or be provided with skip bins for a number of reasons including:

- As part of a community clean-up initiative
- where tenants are moved to another Housing New Zealand home to allow a redevelopment project to take place
- where a tenant is unable or requires assistance to clean up their home to meet the obligations of their tenancy agreement
- at the tenant's request, either during their tenancy or prior to vacating their property.

**3) Can I get a breakdown, per calendar year, between 2013 and 2018, of the number of skip bins provided to HNZ clients per region.**

Please find in Table One of the attachment, the number of skip bins provided by Housing New Zealand to its tenants. As Housing New Zealand collects and reports its data by financial year, this table and others in the appendix are broken down by financial year.

**4) Can I get a breakdown, by area, of these numbers for the Waikato region area.**

Table Two of the attachment provides a table breaking down the number of skip bins provided by Housing New Zealand to its tenants in the Waikato region, by TLA.

**5) Which streets in Hamilton were provided with the most skip bins between 2013 and 2018?**

Table Three of the attachment shows the streets in Hamilton where Housing New Zealand provided highest number of skip bins.

**6) What is the cost? Can this be broken down by calendar year, between 2013 and 2018, and by region**

Table Four of the attachment provides the cost of skip bins to Housing New Zealand tenants.

**7) Is this a good use of Government money, to fund skip bins?**

Housing New Zealand considers the provision of skip bins, when required, to be part of our obligation as a landlord, both under the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 and as a provider of state housing. Providing skip bins also helps our tenants to meet the terms of their tenancy agreements, and sustain their tenancies.

It is important to note that Housing New Zealand does not fund all skip bins, and in certain cases, such as when requested by a tenant, Housing New Zealand will arrange for the tenant to cover the cost of hiring a skip bin.

Yours sincerely



**Paul Commons  
Chief Operating Officer**

**Table 1- Skip Bins Provided to Housing New Zealand Tenants by Territorial Local Authority and Financial Year**

<b>Territorial Local Authority</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ashburton District	12	19	33	19	15	98
Auckland	349	65	125	234	129	902
Buller District	1	-	-	-	-	1
Central Hawke's Bay District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Central Otago District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Christchurch City	2	121	139	92	16	370
Clutha District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dunedin City	17	15	66	34	12	144
Far North District	54	21	11	4	3	93
Gisborne District	9	10	15	22	6	62
Gore District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Grey District	-	1	-	-	1	2
Hamilton City	47	9	12	24	11	103
Hastings District	2	1	16	2	-	21
Hauraki District	3	-	-	1	1	5
Horowhenua District	6	-	5	1	-	12
Hurunui District	-	-	-	-	1	1
Invercargill City	1	1	2	1	-	5
Kaikoura District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Kaipara District	-	-	-	1	-	1
Kapiti Coast District	-	1	1	-	-	2
Kawerau District	1	-	1	-	-	2
Lower Hutt City	8	1	4	3	2	18
Mackenzie District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Manawatu District	-	-	-	2	3	5
Marlborough District	-	-	-	1	2	3
Matamata-Piako District	5	-	1	1	2	9
Napier City	3	4	3	1	1	12
Nelson City	-	-	3	2	1	6
New Plymouth District	2	2	6	1	2	13
Opotiki District	1	-	-	-	1	2
Otorohanga District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Palmerston North City	13	1	19	41	13	87
Porirua City	14	3	5	1	1	24
Queenstown-Lakes District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Rangitikei District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Rotorua District	17	1	2	-	-	20
Ruapehu District	1	-	1	-	-	2
Selwyn District	-	1	-	-	-	1
South Taranaki District	-	-	-	2	-	2
South Waikato District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Southland District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Stratford District	-	-	-	1	-	1
Tasman District	-	-	2	-	3	5
Taupo District	6	-	1	1	1	9
Tauranga City	43	6	8	7	-	64
Thames-Coromandel District	5	1	4	13	3	26
Timaru District	10	15	22	18	9	74
Upper Hutt City	-	-	1	2	-	3
Waikato District	4	-	4	2	2	12
Waimakariri District	-	1	2	-	-	3
Waimate District	-	1	-	2	-	3

Waipa District	2	-	-	-	1	3
Wairoa District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Waitaki District	-	-	3	1	-	4
Waitomo District	3	-	3	1	-	7
Wanganui District	3	2	3	1	-	9
Wellington City	37	4	27	7	1	76
Western Bay Of Plenty District	2	-	-	-	-	2
Westland District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Whakatane District	21	2	3	-	1	27
Whangarei District	122	8	9	14	9	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2,518</b>

**Table 2 - Skip Bins Provided to Housing New Zealand Tenants in the Waikato Region by Territorial Local Authority and Financial Year**

Territorial Local Authority	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Hamilton City	47	9	12	24	11	103
Hauraki District	3	-	-	1	1	5
Matamata-Piako District	5	-	1	1	2	9
Otorohanga District	-	-	-	-	-	0
South Waikato District	-	-	-	-	-	0
Taupo District	6	-	1	1	1	9
Thames-Coromandel District	5	1	4	13	3	26
Waikato District	4	-	4	2	2	12
Waipa District	2	-	-	-	1	3
Waitomo District	3	-	3	1	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>174</b>

**Table 3 - Streets in the Hamilton City Territorial Local Authority Provided with the Most Skip Bins by Housing New Zealand, broken down by by Financial Year**

Territorial Local Authority	Street*	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<b>Hamilton City</b>	Oakfield Crescent	3	-	-	2	-
	Shakespeare Avenue	-	3	1	-	-
	Tennyson Road	1	-	2	-	1
	Yvonne Street	-	-	-	2	-
	Sefton Crescent	-	-	-	2	1
	Odlin Crescent	-	-	-	2	-
	Byron Road	1	1	-	-	2

\*Shaded boxes denote the financial year in which the particular street was provided with the most skip bins by Housing New Zealand. In the 2016/17 financial year, four streets in the Hamilton City TLA were provided with two skip bins by Housing New Zealand.

**Table 4 - Cost of Skip Bins Provided to Housing New Zealand Tenants by Territorial Local Authority and Financial Year**

<b>Territorial Local Authority</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ashburton District	\$3,054	\$4,515	\$7,429	\$4,277	\$3,402	\$22,677
Auckland	\$109,113	\$19,242	\$38,761	\$78,153	\$43,716	\$288,985
Buller District	\$503	-	-	-	-	\$503
Central Hawke's Bay District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Central Otago District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Christchurch City	\$509	\$46,228	\$65,952	\$43,650	\$7,600	\$163,939
Clutha District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Dunedin City	\$4,113	\$3,785	\$15,978	\$8,895	\$2,677	\$35,448
Far North District	\$21,890	\$11,989	\$3,070	\$1,850	\$1,845	\$40,644
Gisborne District	\$4,066	\$3,470	\$5,400	\$8,514	\$2,266	\$23,716
Gore District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Grey District	-	\$625	-	-	\$590	\$1,216
Hamilton City	\$15,893	\$3,387	\$5,523	\$12,081	\$4,769	\$41,653
Hastings District	\$465	\$282	\$4,454	\$511	-	\$5,712
Hauraki District	\$1,093	-	-	\$473	\$509	\$2,075
Horowhenua District	\$2,854	-	\$2,439	\$515	-	\$5,808
Hurunui District	-	-	-	-	\$2,114	\$2,114
Invercargill City	\$321	\$348	\$380	\$316	-	\$1,365
Kaikoura District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Kaipara District	-	-	-	\$908	-	\$908
Kapiti Coast District	-	\$52	\$69	-	-	\$121
Kawerau District	\$255	-	\$460	-	-	\$715
Lower Hutt City	\$2,037	\$207	\$1,076	\$722	\$634	\$4,675
Mackenzie District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Manawatu District	-	-	-	\$547	\$1,109	\$1,655
Marlborough District	-	-	-	\$290	\$639	\$929
Matamata-Piako District	\$2,248	-	\$460	\$460	\$930	\$4,098
Napier City	\$1,674	\$1,085	\$1,580	\$282	\$282	\$4,904
Nelson City	-	-	\$680	\$859	\$268	\$1,807
New Plymouth District	\$534	\$441	\$1,609	\$269	\$545	\$3,398
Opotiki District	\$414	-	-	-	\$483	\$898
Otorohanga District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Palmerston North City	\$3,141	\$273	\$4,900	\$10,847	\$3,505	\$22,666
Porirua City	\$3,051	\$954	\$1,501	\$218	\$317	\$6,040
Queenstown-Lakes District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Rotorua District	\$5,437	\$350	\$640	-	-	\$6,428
Rangitikei District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Ruapehu District	\$537	-	\$863	-	-	\$1,399
Selwyn District	-	\$274	-	-	-	\$274
South Taranaki District	-	-	-	\$784	-	\$784
South Waikato District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Southland District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Stratford District	-	-	-	\$373	-	\$373
Tasman District	-	-	\$1,005	-	\$962	\$1,967
Taupo District	\$2,214	-	\$460	\$175	\$747	\$3,596
Tauranga City	\$15,186	\$2,672	\$3,342	\$4,432	-	\$25,632
Thames-Coromandel District	\$1,815	\$460	\$1,841	\$6,006	\$1,449	\$11,571
Timaru District	\$4,001	\$6,168	\$9,343	\$7,566	\$4,094	\$31,171
Upper Hutt City	-	-	\$325	\$511	-	\$836
Waikato District	\$1,712	-	\$1,278	\$943	\$966	\$4,900
Waimakariri District	-	\$345	\$935	-	-	\$1,281
Waimate District	-	\$769	-	\$986	-	\$1,755
Waipa District	\$720	-	-	-	\$339	\$1,059

Wairoa District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Waitaki District	-	-	\$1,161	\$290	-	\$1,451
Waitomo District	\$1,216	-	\$1,381	\$460	-	\$3,057
Wanganui District	\$944	\$604	\$908	\$231	-	\$2,687
Wellington City	\$8,973	\$361	\$9,547	\$2,126	\$317	\$21,324
Western Bay Of Plenty District	\$787	-	-	-	-	\$787
Westland District	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
Whakatane District	\$8,129	\$890	\$2,002	-	\$483	\$11,504
Whangarei District	\$38,471	\$2,523	\$2,670	\$7,073	\$2,857	\$53,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$267,370</b>	<b>\$112,300</b>	<b>\$199,424</b>	<b>\$206,591</b>	<b>\$90,414</b>	<b>\$876,099</b>