

14 December 2020

Privacy



On 17 November 2020, you requested the following information under the Official Information Act (the Act):

- *The most recent briefings updating the current status of the Kiwibuild programme*
- *The total number of Kiwibuild units built, sold and under construction*
- *The total amount of funding allocated to current Kiwibuild units that have been built, sold or are under construction*

I have considered your request and will reply to each point individually.

*1) The most recent briefings updating the current status of the Kiwibuild programme*

The most recent briefing on the status of the wider KiwiBuild programme was the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Briefing to the Incoming Minister (BIM). This document will soon be released publicly. Therefore, I am refusing your request under Section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested will soon be publicly available.

*2) The total number of Kiwibuild units built, sold and under construction*

The number of KiwiBuild units built, sold and under construction is released monthly as part of the Minister of Housing's Housing Dashboard on the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's website at:

<https://www.hud.govt.nz/news-and-resources/statistics-and-research/government-build-programme-housing-dashboard/>

Therefore, I am declining this part of your request under Section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested is already publicly available.

*3) The total amount of funding allocated to current Kiwibuild units that have been built, sold or are under construction*

Kāinga Ora does not allocate funding to building KiwiBuild homes, rather KiwiBuild homes that are part of developments that are planned and financed by developers are underwritten by the KiwiBuild programme.

The only time funds are drawn from the KiwiBuild appropriation is if the KiwiBuild homes in a development are not sold in an agreed timeframe and the developer exercises their right for the Crown to purchase those homes at the agreed underwrite price.

Therefore, this part your request is declined under Sections 18(g)(i) because this information is not held by Kāinga Ora or any other organisation.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kelly  
**Manager Government Relations**