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Thank you for your email of 21 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1. *How many existing houses have been purchased to be used as state houses, under the current government.*
2. *What is the total amount spent on these houses.*
3. *Can you please provide a list with the addresses of the properties.*

The responses to your questions follow.

**1. *How many existing houses have been purchased to be used as state houses, under the current government.***

Information to do with the number of existing properties purchased by Housing New Zealand between 1 November 2017 and 30 June 2019 is shown in table one below:

Table 1

Financial Year	Method	Additions Count
1 Nov 2017 to 30 June 2018	Buy In	183
1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	Buy In	403
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>586</b>

*\* Note: State Housing Only*

*1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is subject to audit.*

*In the 2018/19 period it includes an Inter Company Property Transfer*

*The numbers exclude Community Group Housing and Transitional Housing*

To meet the current and forecast demand for housing the majority of Housing New Zealand's delivery programme is achieved through our build programme. Housing New Zealand has moved to almost exclusively buying properties as strategic acquisitions to enable development activity.

Houses and land are primarily purchased where:

- a property is strategically located and acquisition would enable a significant uplift in development outcomes and numbers
- redevelopment and/or retrofit activities require homes to re-house displaced tenants and there are no new builds available.

Houses may also be purchased where:

- existing leases are coming to an end and Housing New Zealand has the option to buy the property rather than lose it from its portfolio
- there is a transfer of a housing portfolio from the current owner to Housing New Zealand (such as a local council's housing stock)

- there is a pressing need and no available housing stock.

Over the same time period between 1 November 2017 and 30 June 2019 the number of houses built by Housing New Zealand is shown in table two below:

Table 2

Financial Year	Method	Additions Count
1 Nov 2017 to 30 June 2018	Built	739
1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	Built	1,461
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,200</b>

\* Note: State Housing Only

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## 2. What is the total amount spent on these houses.

Table three below provides the total amount spent on purchasing properties:

Table 3

Buy In Spend	Relevant spend \$ millions
1 Nov 2017 to 30 June 2018	\$140,606,636
1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	\$290,875,906
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$431,482,542</b>

Note: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is subject to audit.

## 3. Can you please provide a list with the addresses of the properties.

Table four below shows the Territorial Local Authority areas where the buy-ins took place from 1 November 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Table 4

1 November 2017 to 30 June 2018	Count
Auckland	137
Christchurch City	6
Dunedin City	1
Far North District	1
Hamilton City	9
Hastings District	2
Lower Hutt City	2
Manawatu District	1
Marlborough District	3
Napier City	3
New Plymouth District	2
Palmerston North City	1
Ruapehu District	1
Selwyn District	1
Tauranga City	2
Waikato District	3
Wellington City	1
Whangarei District	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>183</b>

\*State housing only

Table five below shows the Territorial Local Authority areas where the buy-ins took place from 1 July 2018 to 21 June 2019.

Table 5

1 July 2018 to 21 June /2019	Count
Auckland	276
Christchurch City	7
Dunedin City	1
Far North District	1
Gisborne District	1
Grey District	1
Hamilton City	41
Hastings District	8
Horowhenua District	1
Kapiti Coast District	1
Lower Hutt City	3
Manawatu District	1
Marlborough District	2
Napier City	27
Palmerston North City	10
Rotorua District	1
Tauranga City	2
Waikato District	1
Wanganui District	1
Wellington City	1
Western Bay of Plenty District	3
Whakatane District	3
Whangarei District	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>403</b>

Note: \*State housing only

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Housing New Zealand is withholding the property addresses of the houses under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of its tenants. With respect to information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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



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