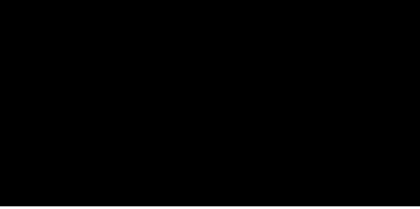


21 July 2020



Thank you for your email of 27 June 2020 in which you make the following request:

“Please can you send me a list of the addresses of all residential properties purchased in the last 12 months.

If the information is available, please also tell me for each property the number of bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens in each property”

Kāinga Ora is buying properties to meet increasing need, to assist in transitional housing supply and for strategic reasons 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
- there is a whole of government requirement

Houses may also be purchased where:

- existing leases are coming to an end and Kāinga Ora 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 (such as a local council’s elderly housing stock) to Kāinga Ora
- there is a pressing need and no available stock.

Please find attached a list of properties purchased in the last 12 months (from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020). I have provided the location of the properties by Territorial Local Authority and Census Area Unit. Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities generally does not provide the specific addresses of our properties to protect the privacy of our tenants. Therefore, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act (OIA) *“to protect the privacy of natural persons.”* I do not consider that the public interest in the information outweighs the need to withhold it.

I have also included data on the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in each of the properties. Your request for information on the number of kitchens for each of these properties is declined under

section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held. Generally most properties have only one kitchen.

Please note that the data provided is preliminary data only. It is yet to be audited and there may be some variation when finalised.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DAB', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Don Badman
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