

27 July 2022

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Thank you for your email of 27 June 2022 and follow up emails of 28 June 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*I'm enquiring about how many Kāinga Ora homes are being built for public housing for rent and how many are being built to be sold to other agencies.*

Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities has delivered 1232 new build properties in Financial Year (FY) 2021/22 for public housing to rent. There are an additional 4303 properties under construction or contracted for construction in FY 2021/22.

Kāinga Ora does not sell new build homes to other agencies. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g), *'the information requested is not held by Kāinga Ora and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another agency or connected more closely with the functions of another agency'*.

However, Kāinga Ora has several programmes that enable new homes to be built and sold to the public. These include KiwiBuild and market home ownership. Kāinga Ora has enabled 1801 homes in FY 2021/22 for sale to the public in this way.

KiwiBuild homes are built by private developers. In most cases these homes are enabled through the KiwiBuild underwrite programme, which is administered by Kāinga Ora on behalf of the Government.

Market home ownership are new homes that are built by Kāinga Ora build partners and sold on the open housing market. This occurs through Kāinga Ora land development projects, designed to help achieve a balanced mix of housing options. It involves the Government underwriting the sale of homes in new residential developments, to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes. In return, participating developers agree to sell the underwritten homes below an agreed maximum price (which must be at or below the KiwiBuild price caps).

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

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published, with your personal information removed, at: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/>.

Yours sincerely,



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