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Thank you for your email to Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities of 26 January 2021, in which you make the following request:

Under the Official Information Act, could I please request the following information:

- *Has Kainga Ora ever attended an auction with the intent to purchase a property?*
- *If so, how many auctions for housing have they attended to date and how many have they won?*

As a general operating principle, Kāinga Ora does not buy properties at auction. In the last four years Kāinga Ora (and formerly Housing New Zealand) has only attended one auction with the intent to purchase a parcel of land. The land presented an opportunity to build more housing in an area of demand and where there was a shortage of available development land. We made a bid but were unsuccessful.

Records of attendance at auction prior to the previous four years are not held. To this extent I am declining your request for earlier information under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982: the information requested is not held (by Kāinga Ora) and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another government agency.

I sincerely apologise for the delay in providing this response.

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



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