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Thank you for your email of 4 April 2018 requesting the following information about Housing New Zealand projects under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

- 1. The proportion of housing stock owned by HNZ in the Auckland region (either vacant or otherwise) which have business cases pending for demolition, broken down by suburb/town.*
- 2. The number of dwellings sold or demolished by HNZ in the Auckland region from June 30 2015 to February 28 2018, broken down into a table by the number of bedrooms each dwelling had.*

I have considered your request under the Act and have responded to your questions below.

- 1. The proportion of housing stock owned by HNZ in the Auckland region (either vacant or otherwise) which have business cases pending for demolition, broken down by suburb/town.*

I have not given the numbers as proportions, as the percentages would be too small to be statistically meaningful. Housing New Zealand can advise there are eight business cases pending for properties to be demolished in Epsom as at 27 April 2018. Business cases go through an approval process before they are confirmed.

Housing New Zealand is the largest residential landowner in Auckland and much of this land can be better utilised better to create more homes for Aucklanders. We currently have over 100 developments underway across Auckland to replace old houses that are no longer fit for purpose with warm, modern homes that make the most efficient use of our land to meet housing needs: <https://hnzc.co.nz/housing-developments-and-programmes/auckland-housing-programme/auckland-housing-programme-by-suburb/>

Housing New Zealand will not demolish a property until a redevelopment will soon begin. This allows us to let the property for as long as possible before it is demolished, particularly through winter. However, a property may also be demolished for health and safety reasons such as fire damage.

2. The number of dwellings sold or demolished by HNZ in the Auckland region from June 30 2015 to February 28 2018, broken down into a table by the number of bedrooms each dwelling had.

Number of Bedrooms:	Bedsit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Demolished		2	69	82	12				165
Redevelopment Sale			19	16	3				38
Sold		28	25	7	1	1		1	63
Sold to Tenant			1	7					8
2016/2016 Total		30	114	112	16	1		1	274
Demolished	2	11	105	215	30	5	1		369
Sold			2	2					4
Sold to Tenant				3					3
2016/2017 Total	2	11	107	220	30	5	1		376
Demolished		40	51	91	11	2			195
Sold			1	1					2
Sold to Tenant				1					1
2017/2018 Total (as at 28 Feb 2018)		40	52	93	11	2			196
Grand Total	2	81	273	425	57	8	1	1	848

Please note redevelopment sale is when Housing New Zealand sells land to a developer and purchases new build homes.

Please note: this includes Community Group Homes (CGH). This is service provided by Housing New Zealand where we work with a wide range of organisations that provide residential and non residential community housing – residential drug and alcohol services, women and men seeking refuge, people who experience mental or psychiatric illness being examples.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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