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On 10 October 2019, you emailed Kāinga Ora: Homes and Communities (formerly Housing New Zealand) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act (the OIA):

- 1. Number of properties bought or acquired by Housing New Zealand from 2010-2017.*
- 2. That data to be defined by month, city and suburb.*
- 3. The sale price for each property bought (if possible), or average price of the houses bought in each month/per suburb.*

I have interpreted your request to be about properties that Housing New Zealand purchased that were previously owned and occupied. Between 2010 and 2017, there were 1202 such houses purchased by Housing New Zealand. This does not include newly built houses added to our stock through activities such as our redevelopment programme.


Kāinga Ora reports on our housing stock by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) and cannot breakdown our statistics by suburb without doing a time consuming file by file search on each purchase. Therefore, I am refusing your request for the information to be provided by suburb under Section 18 (f) of the OIA that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

I am able to provide the rest of the information you requested and this information is contained in the attached Excel spreadsheet. I am also providing a summary table which provides the average purchase price and the number of units for houses purchased between 2010 and 2017 broken down by TLA.

Please note that the period of time that you requested includes years before and after the local body amalgamation in Auckland. For years, post amalgamation, the data is provided Auckland wide, early data is associated with the TLA that was in existence when the property was purchased. Also there are 34 properties over the period where the sale price was not recorded in our systems.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations

Housing New Zealand Purchases For Financial Years 2010 – 2017 *		
Territorial Local Authority	Average Total Purchase Amount	Number of Properties
Auckland City	\$276,905.91	452
Christchurch City	\$248,827.71	72
Dunedin City	\$347,890.37	3
Far North District	\$159,750.00	1
Franklin District	\$331,000.00	2
Gisborne District	\$96,787.52	5
Hamilton City	\$311,340.05	74
Hasting's District	\$228,537.29	2
Kapiti Coast District	\$281,506.75	6
Lower Hutt City	\$177,571.92	50
Manukau City	\$340,832.35	119
Marlborough District	\$207,386.25	10
Matamata-Piako District	\$215,000.00	1
Napier City	\$241,892.84	51
Nelson City	\$211,908.32	1
New Plymouth District	\$260,250.00	6
North Shore City	\$353,957.41	4
Palmerston North City	\$225,827.95	8
Papakura District	\$311,194.10	29
Porirua City	\$237,332.20	6
Rotorua District	\$198,500.00	6
Tasman District	\$339,258.31	1
Taupo District	\$269,697.80	1
Tauranga District	\$326,610.16	32
Timaru District	\$125,302.31	3
Upper Hutt City	\$211,504.87	14
Waimakariri District	\$295,215.95	4
Waipa District	\$277,697.30	1
Waitakare City	\$339,940.72	98
Wellington City	\$244,608.04	86
Western Bay of Plenty District	\$210,000.00	2
Whakatane District	\$289,630.75	1
Whangarei District	\$242,987.30	17
Grand Total	\$279,415.36	1168

*Excludes 34 properties where value could not be obtained