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Thank you for your email of 5 October 2019 requesting the following information from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (previously Housing New Zealand) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could I please get (a) breakdown (of methamphetamine test results) for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 years please:

*0 (clear result)
0 - 1.49
1.5 - 10
10 - 14.99
15 - 19.99
20 - 29.99
30 - 39.99
40 - 49.99
50 +*

I have consulted with the relevant team within Kāinga Ora and provided you with the attached table below, which breaks down the highest test results for properties tested for methamphetamine over the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years. As with my previous response, to breakdown the properties into the categories you requested and avoid double counting; Kāinga Ora extracted the highest test result from each property.

Please note that although the attached table provides a total of 1,689 properties tested for methamphetamine over the 2016/17 financial year, the previous total of 1,792 properties tested is correct. The exclusion of 103 properties is due to data for July 2016 and August 2016 not being centrally recorded in a way that permitted it to be broken down as you requested.

I am therefore refusing to provide a breakdown of the property test results for July 2016 and August 2016 under section 18(e) of the Act, *'that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found'*

The issue of data recording for methamphetamine testing was noted in the key findings (page 66) of the September 2018 report into the response of Kāinga Ora's predecessor, Housing New Zealand, to methamphetamine contamination in its properties:

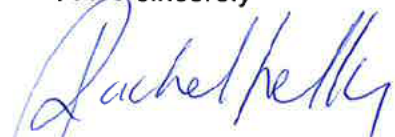
Housing New Zealand is unable to guarantee that its records in relation to tenancies affected by methamphetamine contamination are complete. This is due to deficiencies in its record keeping and because of the number of different systems that have been used to store information over time.

Regarding the total of properties tested for 2017/18 I am advised that due to an administrative error, the previously provided total of 1,459 properties tested is incorrect. The correct total of properties tested for methamphetamine over 2017/18 is 1,450 properties.

As agreed in my previous response to you in September, I have included a copy of Kāinga Ora's current P-250 policy towards methamphetamine contamination its properties.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on your request. You can contact the Ombudsman by phone on 0800 802 602 or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Breakdown of highest test results for Housing New Zealand properties suspected of being contaminated by methamphetamine over the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years¹		
Test Result ($\mu\text{g}/100\text{cm}^2$)	Number of properties	
	2016/17	2017/18
0 (no result/clear)	935	708
0 - 1.49	74	24
1.5 - 10	414	421
10-14.99	90	94
15-19.99	45	51
20-29.99	56	59
30-39.99	27	34
40-49.99	17	20
50+	31	39
Total	1,689⁰	1,450[‡]

¹To calculate the totals for each financial year and avoid double counting from multiple results for the same property being returned at different times, Kāinga Ora extracted the highest test result from each property.

⁰ Due to data for July 2016 and August 2016 not being centrally recorded, the total of 1,689 for 2016/17 excludes 103 properties that were tested over these two months. The full total of properties tested for 2016/17 is 1,792 properties.

[‡] Due to an administrative error, the previously provided total for 2017/18 of 1,459 properties tested was incorrect. The correct total for 2017/18 is 1,450 properties.