

16 April 2020



Thank you for your email of 25 February 2020 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. *'How many houses has Kāinga Ora purchased in Hamilton between January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2020. I would like this information broken down on a year by year basis.*
2. *For each property purchased please name the address of the house. If this can't be provide, please provide the street name or suburb the house is located in.*
3. *For each property, please identify if the house was completed when purchased or the land bought and the house built.*
4. *For each property, please identify what type of dwelling it is: i.e, house, unit, apartment or townhouse.*
5. *For each property, please identify its cost at the time of purchase.*
6. *Please feel free to make any supporting statements or provide additional material.'*

Kāinga Ora reports the information you requested by financial year, which I have provided in Appendix A. All properties purchased in Hamilton between 2016/17 and 2019/20 were existing houses.

Purchasing decisions across the country are based not only on meeting increasing housing need, but other various business reasons including to address longer-term strategic needs, and for future development purposes.

When considering what properties are most appropriate to include in its housing stock, Kāinga Ora evaluates a number of factors including housing demand in that area, location and proximity to necessary services and amenities, the quality of the home, and the purchase price.

You might be interested to know that through our Regional Housing Programme (RHP), we are building homes on our vacant land to meet the growing need for state houses in regional areas. In Hamilton, we will build approximately 130 new houses over the next two to three years. More information about this programme is available on our website at [www.kaingaora.govt.nz/rhp](http://www.kaingaora.govt.nz/rhp).

Over the past two years Kāinga Ora has added around 250 newly built homes to its housing stock in Hamilton which will provide warm, dry homes for individuals and families on the Public Housing Register.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Rachel Kelly**  
**Manager Government Relations**