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I refer to your email to the Ministry of Social Development dated 1 August 2022, the following part of which was transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities under section 14(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many motels have been purchased by the current Gov't for temporary accompdation 2021-2022?

Following discussion with the relevant team in Kāinga Ora, I can advise you we do not own or operate motels. However, since 1 January 2021, we purchased one property in August 2021 in Rotorua that was previously operated as a motel.

You can read about this property in a recent announcement at https://kaingaora.govt.nz/news/families-move-into-supported-transitional-housing-in-rotorua/. This property will be operated as a transitional housing facility by the Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust.

I trust this information is useful. Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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