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Thank you for your email of 20 April 2020 requesting the following information from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. I request the number of house purchases made in Hamilton in the period from 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 be provided.*
- 2. I request the number of house purchases made in Hamilton in the period from 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 be provided.*
- 3. I request the number of house purchases made in Hamilton in the period from 01 April 2019 to 29 February 2020 be provided.*

*For each purchase made,*

- 4. I request the name of the real estate agent that acted on behalf of Kāinga Ora be provided.*

I have considered your request under the Act and have provided the table below in response to questions one to three. It has come to my attention that the figures cited in my response to you on 20 April 2020 were reported by financial year, rather than the dates specified in your request. This was due to an oversight when extracting the information from our system, as it is centrally reported by financial year. The revised figure, as shown in the table below, amounts to 80 purchases of existing properties across 40 separate contracts during the period of 1 April 2017 to 29 February 2020.

**Number of existing properties purchased by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities in Hamilton:**

Date period	Number
1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018	18
1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	13
1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020	49

Between 1 April 2017 and 29 February 2020, Kāinga Ora did not sell any properties in Hamilton and therefore no real estate agent acted on our behalf. When Kāinga Ora purchases a property the real estate agent acts on behalf of, and is remunerated by, the vendors. Therefore, as the information you have requested in question four is not held, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as “*the information requested is not held*”.

If you wish to discuss your request in more detail, I invite you to contact Scott Holdsworth, Market Delivery Manager Acquisition, on 09 261 5679.

You also have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. You can find information on how to do this by visiting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling the Ombudsman's office on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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