

4 May 2022

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Thank you for your email dated 18 March 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Emergency housing requests for the territorial authority of Ruapehu from 2018 to March 2022.*
2. *Documentation, correspondence and statistics around how many state houses were sold and/or removed out of district in the last ten years.*
3. *All correspondence and documents pertaining to emergency housing needs in Ruapehu and plans to address them.*
4. *Current Kāinga Ora budget to address emergency and long term housing needs for Ruapehu.*
5. *All and any statistics, correspondence and documentation around severe housing deprivation and homelessness in Ruapehu.*

As you were advised on 23 March 2022, Kāinga Ora transferred parts of your request under section 14 of the Act to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Questions one and three were partially transferred to MSD and question five was partially transferred to HUD as it is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of these agencies.

Kāinga Ora will respond to questions two and four of your request. Concerning question two, the table below shows the number of properties sold in Ruapehu District in the last 10 financial years. With regard to the number of state houses removed out of the district, I can advise that the number is zero. No Kāinga Ora properties were relocated or demolished in Ruapehu District during this time period.

Financial Year	Number of properties	Financial Year	Number of properties
2011/12	3	2016/17	5
2012/13	12	2017/18	1
2013/14	5	2018/19	0
2014/15	12	2019/20	0
2015/16	11	2020/21	1
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>50</b>

Regarding the Kāinga Ora budget relating to emergency and long term housing needs, this is managed at a national level and is not split according to Territorial Local Authority (TLA). I am therefore refusing question four of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist.

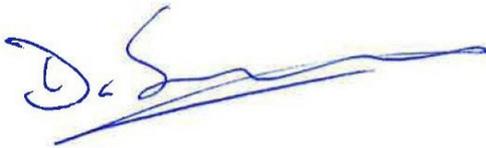
Kāinga Ora has been working with the Ruapehu District Council and Iwi to clarify housing need and to identify opportunities to address this need. Kāinga Ora has also provided input into Council's draft Taumarunui Future Housing and Community Plan.

You can find quarterly updated information on the numbers of properties owned and managed by Kāinga Ora, by TLA, at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>

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Nāku noa, nā

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Daniel Soughtton  
**Deputy Chief Executive - Central**