

25 October 2023

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Thank you for your phone call to the Customer Service Centre on 26 September 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

“Requesting a letter confirming Kāinga Oras number of empty housing stock (1 & 2 bedrooms) in Pukekohe, Papakura, Takanini, Manurewa, Onehunga & Otahuhu”.

As at 30 September 2023 Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities had 103 one and two-bedroom homes that were vacant in the areas you specify. I provide a breakdown of these homes by Census Area Unit, in the table below.

At any point in time, Kāinga Ora has properties that are vacant between the end of one tenancy and the start of another. Properties may be vacant for a longer period if they are due to be redeveloped or to undergo major repairs or upgrades.

Kāinga Ora carefully monitors the number of vacant properties to help us manage our overall housing stock and ensure that there are as many homes as possible that are available for people with a high housing need.

Please note that the table below includes both public and supported housing. Public housing refers to homes provided to applicants on the Public Housing Register, managed by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). These tenants hold a tenancy agreement with Kāinga Ora. Supported housing includes transitional housing and houses that are leased out to Community Group providers.

You will note that there are seven supported homes vacant in Takanini. These homes are part of a former motel that was being used as transitional housing. This use ended in January 2023 and the homes are currently being used to house Kāinga Ora customers who were affected by the Auckland floods in January 2023.

Location	Public	Transitional	Total Count
Manurewa	4		4
Onehunga	73		73
Otahuhu	14	1	15
Papakura	1		1
Pukekohe	1		1
Takanini	2	7	9
Grand Total	95	8	103

Kāinga Ora publishes quarterly updated statistics on managed stock by Territorial Local Authority, including vacant stock, on our website here: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/oia-and-proactive-releases/housing-statistics/>

More information on the Government's housing programme can be found at: <https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/the-government-housing-dashboard/housing-dashboard-at-a-glance/>.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK ag', written in a cursive style.

James Kennelly
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