

27 September 2022

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Thank you for your email of 25 August 2022 to the Public Service Commission requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 31 August 2022 the following part of your request was transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, to provide you with a direct response:

'How many Kāinga Ora tenancies ended in 2021 due to deaths of tenants? How many of those deaths were suicides?'

I can advise that 787 Kāinga Ora tenancies ended in the 2021 calendar year due to the death of a tenant. Kāinga Ora does not record the cause of death for tenants who pass away, and Police do not generally provide us with the cause of death. Therefore, I am refusing your request for the number of tenants who died due to suicide under section 18(e) of the Act as *'the information requested does not exist.'*

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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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



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