



WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

Proactive release

For period ending 10 May 2024

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1. Decisions or consultations sought this week

There are no decisions or consultations sought this week.
 For upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month please refer to section 5.

2. Updates for Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing

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[Redacted]	Due N/A	
Contact person		
Caroline McDowall	GM - Commercial	s 9(2)(a) [Redacted]

3. Updates for Hon Tama Potaka, Associate Minister of Housing

Tenancing homes, reducing vacancies and implementing Emergency Housing fast track		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kāinga Ora frontline teams are prioritising tenancing homes, reducing our number of vacancies and implementing the Emergency Housing fast track. • In April, we placed over 900 households into new homes, approximately 80 percent of whom were from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Housing Register. As at the end of April we had 1,155 available vacant homes (excluding homes that are out of service due to redevelopment and being refurbished), equivalent to 1.68 percent of our total portfolio. This is down from over 1,700 in August 2023. • Over the coming months Kāinga Ora will deliver a significant number of newly built homes to meet its commitment under the Public Housing Plan. This high volume of new deliveries will temporarily exceed our teams ability to place new customers into homes, and there are also practical challenges to moving large numbers of customers into high-density complexes over short periods of time. As a result, we expect our number of available vacant homes to increase temporarily. • We are putting in place a number of strategies to tenant new homes as quickly as possible. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Centre staff are starting to assist regions with outbound calling to confirm prospective customers' details, which will speed up our matching and placement processes • proactive inter-agency planning including matching customers to homes in real-time with MSD staff who know the customers on the register. This is reducing unsuccessful outbound calling and increasing successful matching • holding group viewings and sign-ups where multiple customers can view homes and let us know if it suits their needs. This has resulted in time efficiencies as an individual viewing takes around 30 minutes each • reprioritising resource internally to support placement work. • Collectively, we expect that these strategies will minimise the peak in vacancies and help us return to our target vacancy rate no more than two percent more quickly. • We will keep you updated on our performance tenancing homes and managing our vacancy rate through our quarterly performance report. 		
Next steps		Due
Updates through the quarterly report		Next appropriate quarterly report
Contact person		
Daniel Soughton	DCE - Te Puku Ikaroa - Central	s 9(2)(a)

Deep dive Te Kurutao Group Māori		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday, 24 May 2024, a meeting with you and Te Kurutao Group Māori is planned. This is an opportunity to discuss the role and function of the Māori housing and development portfolio. This discussion is requested to understand the role Te Kurutao Group Māori can play to support the increase of supply of housing to iwi rūpū Māori across the housing system. The agenda will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whakawhanaungatanga Introduction of Te Kurutao role and purpose Outline of what the team has achieved and direction moving forward Discussion on how we can support priorities. 		
Next steps		Due
Meeting with officials from Te Kurutao		24 May 2024
Contact person		
Te Ariki Pihama	Te Ringa Raupā - DCE Māori – Te Kurutao	s 9(2)(a)

4. Summary of papers sent

Paper	Purpose
AH 24 029 Minister Potaka visit – Mangere East	This paper provides Minister Potaka with information ahead of his visit to Mangere East.
AH 24 030 Minister Potaka visit – Nelson	This paper provides Minister Potaka with information ahead of his visit to Nelson.
BN 24 019 Impact of council resource consent planning changes	<p>This paper responds to your request to be briefed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) District Plan implementation, and costs to Kāinga Ora from the Council's approach to interpreting its District Plan; and the implications of the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) notifying Plan Change 1 to its Natural Resources Plan, the impact on Kāinga Ora of the additional consenting requirements and the Council's awareness of that impact.

5. Upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month

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6. Kāinga Ora OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 24 166	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about an IAF project in Whangārei	n/a	14/05/2024 extended
OI 24 170	Member of the public	<i>Developments</i> Request for information about a development in Tairāwhiti/Gisborne for past ten years	n/a	15/05/2024 extended
OI 24 171	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	5/05/2024 extended
OI 24 173	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	15/05/2024 extended
OI 24 195	Member of the public	<i>Documents</i> Request for reports relating to Homestar or the Homestar transition standard	n/a	20/05/2024 extended
OI 24 210	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for expenditure on Public Relations and Communications support	n/a	Partial response sent 16/05/2024 extended
OI 24 216	Jacon McSweeney (RNZ)	<i>Development</i> Request for information regarding the Northcote TLC modular build	29/04/2024	15/05/2024 extended
OI 24 226	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information regarding staff roles and numbers	n/a	06/06/2024 extended
OI 24 228	Thomas Raethal (Labour Party researcher)	<i>Information</i> Request for proposal documents to reduce expenditure	3/05/2024	10/06/2024 extended
OI 24 235	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information regarding Kāinga Ora build partners	n/a	13/05/2024
OI 23 236	Lane Nichols (NZME)	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Albany development	7/05/2024	14/05/2024
OI 24 237	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	13/05/2024

OI 24 241	Nick James (RNZ)	<i>Information</i> Request for information KiwiBuild and the Kāinga Oa land programme	10/05/2024	17/05/2024
OI 24 245	Ethan Manera (NZME)	<i>Information</i> Request for information regarding the use of te reo Māori	09/05/2024	16/05/2024
OI 24 260	Thomas Raethal (Labour Party researcher)	<i>Information</i> Request for contractor and consultant expenditure	17/05/2024	24/05/2024
OI 24 267	Meg Stewart Ward (Labour Party)	<i>Documents</i> Request for annual review prep pack	22/05/2024	29/05/2024
OI 24 274	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about contractors and consultants	n/a	31/05/2024
OI 24 275	Murray Jones (NZME)	<i>Information</i> Request for information about restructure and redundancy consultant expenditure	28/05/2024	05/06/2024
OI 24 276	Murray Jones (NZME)	<i>Information</i> Request for information about sexual harassment and workplace culture reviews	24/05/2024	31/05/2024
OI 24 278	Member of the public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Wellington development	n/a	31/05/2024

7. Ministerial OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 24 238	Member of Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information regarding reducing staff headcount	25/04/2024	2/05/2024