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Thank you for your email of 7 February 2018, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...it is also vital to the research that BRANZ receives cost information on non-Homestar rated dwellings. Therefore it would be ideal when contacting each of the builders/contractors for the above projects you also ask them to provide cost data on another HNZ project that has been completed within a similar timeframe (i.e. within a couple of years) that did not target 6-Homestar...

Housing New Zealand has a number of priorities when delivering state housing; however, it does not pursue homestar ratings or record whether or not its developments receive them.

Since Housing New Zealand does not record this data, I am declining your request for data relating non-homestar rated developments in Auckland under section 18(e) of the Act, as '*...the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*'

Although Housing New Zealand does not seek homestar ratings, it is confident that with the design standards it maintains, such as those relating to size, density, insulation and solar gain, its developments are of a high quality once completed.

Please note that Housing New Zealand was able to answer your previous data request for six-homestar rated developments based on the addresses provided. These particular developments were in special housing areas and required to have a six-homestar rating by Auckland Council.

Regarding your additional email request for data to be broken down by unit, Housing New Zealand tenders its developments, which can consist of varying unit sizes, as a whole, and so cannot break down its cost data to a per unit level.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to decline your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
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