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Thank you for your email of 7 March 2019 to Housing New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

How many houses belonging to Housing New Zealand have been demolished due to fire damage over the past five years?

How many Housing New Zealand houses have been demolished or deemed unliveable due to fire damage over the past five years?

Please include the cost that this resulted in for Housing New Zealand.

Please include the location (region, town or city) of each dwelling demolished after fire damage.

You clarified that your request related to only those properties that were demolished as a result of fire damage. I have included the information requested in the attached appendices. Due to the way Housing New Zealand records this information, please note that:

- the number of properties demolished includes those with a NET Book Value above \$10,000, and does not include partial demolitions (such as a garage)
- the costs include both partial and full demolitions.

Housing New Zealand takes the health and safety of our tenants very seriously. We will provide support to any tenants whose home has been affected by fire damage, including paying for motel accommodation until they can be re-housed.

It is our policy to have fitted, working photo-electric smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways, and living areas, and these are checked twice yearly. Housing New Zealand also provides fire safety information to our tenants on our website and through our tenant newsletters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations

Appendix A: Housing New Zealand properties demolished due to fire damage

Territorial Local Authority	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Ashburton District	-	-	-	-	1	1
Auckland	10	13	16	8	10	57
Buller District	-	-	-	-	1	1
Christchurch City	1	7	3	3	-	14
Dunedin City	-	-	1	-	2	3
Far North District	-	1	1	-	-	2
Gisborne District	1	3	4	1	2	11
Hamilton City	-	1	-	1	1	3
Hastings District	-	1	1	1	4	7
Horowhenua District	-	1	-	-	-	1
Invercargill City	-	-	-	1	-	1
Lower Hutt City	2	5	2	5	2	16
Manawatu District	-	-	2	-	1	3
Marlborough District	1	-	-	-	-	1
Napier City	2	-	-	1	3	6
Nelson City	-	-	-	1	-	1
New Plymouth District	1	-	-	1	1	3
Palmerston North City	1	-	4	1	2	8
Porirua City	4	-	-	3	-	7
Rotorua District	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tauranga City	-	1	1	-	-	2
Thames-Coromandel District	-	-	-	1	1	2
Timaru District	-	-	-	1	-	1
Waikato District	-	-	-	1	-	1
Waimakariri District	-	-	-	-	1	1

Waipa District	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2
Wairoa District	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Westland District	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Whangarei District	4	2	-	-	-	1	1	7
Grand Total	28	37	35	31	34	165		

Note: Only properties that have been completely demolished have been included in these figures. Properties that were partially demolished are excluded. Does not include demolished properties with a Net Book Value written off below \$10,000.

Appendix B: Costs for fire damage to Housing New Zealand properties

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Units Demolished ¹	28	37	35	31	34	165
Total cost	\$2.73m	\$3.96m	\$4.55m	\$4.20m	\$4.14m	\$19.59m

Note: Costs include full and partial demolitions.