

20 April 2022

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Thank you for your email dated 26 March 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'... the addresses of all properties owned by Kāinga Ora in Rotorua if possible, in particular those purchased for the purpose of transitional housing. Additionally, any information regarding plans for future purchases of motels for the purpose of transitional housing.'

As you were advised on 28 March 2022, Kāinga Ora transferred your request for information regarding plans for future purchases of motels for the purpose of transitional housing to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as it is the agency responsible for strategy, policy, funding, and monitoring of New Zealand's housing infrastructure. I can advise, however, that Kāinga Ora is not currently exploring any further purchases of motels for use as Transitional or Community Group Housing in the Rotorua area.

With regard to the remainder of your request, I am withholding addresses of all properties owned by Kāinga Ora in Rotorua under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; *'to protect the privacy of natural persons'*.

Kāinga Ora does not publicly provide the addresses of its properties as this effectively identifies the occupants of those properties as our tenants and their families. We consider the addresses of our properties to be the personal information of our customers, whose privacy we have an obligation to protect. I do not consider that the public interest in this information outweighs the need to protect the privacy of our current and future customers.

Instead, I am providing you with the number of properties owned or managed by Kāinga Ora in the Rotorua District Territorial Local Authority (TLA) at 31 May 2022. This includes the numbers of Community Group Housing and Transitional Housing.

Number of Kāinga Ora properties in the Rotorua District TLA, at 31 March 2022

Community Group Housing	12
Transitional Housing	85
State rentals	680
Total	777

The following information may be helpful when interpreting this information.

Kāinga Ora properties may be owned by Kāinga Ora, or leased by Kāinga Ora from the owner.

Community Group Housing is leased to a wide range of organisations that provide services to people in the community, including groups that provide housing and support services for those with physical,

intellectual and psychiatric disabilities, residential alcohol and drug services, people seeking refuge, youth at risk, and prisoner reintegration.

Transitional Housing provides temporary accommodation and social services for people with an immediate housing need. While support is put in place to transition them into sustainable public or private housing on a long-term basis.

You can find quarterly updated information on the numbers of properties owned and managed by Kāinga Ora, by TLA, at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>

Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information request where possible, and our response to your request may be published at www.kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Kelly'.

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