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Thank you for your email of 24 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many properties did Housing NZ test for Methamphetamine in the following (financial) years: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, and 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

I have consulted the relevant team within Housing New Zealand about your request and can advise you that over the previous three financial years, the following number of properties were tested for methamphetamine:

Financial Year	Properties Tested
2016/17	1,792
2017/18	1,459
2018/19	257

The decrease in testing in the 2018/19 year reflects Housing New Zealand's revised approach to methamphetamine. This approach followed the publication of the Gluckman Report in May 2018 and the review into Housing New Zealand's policies regarding methamphetamine contamination in September 2018.

You can find copies of Housing New Zealand's review into its response to methamphetamine contamination, as well as other relevant documents, at <https://www.hnzc.co.nz/publications/methamphetamine-contamination-response/>.

You may also be interested to know that Housing New Zealand reports the number of properties it tests for methamphetamine on a quarterly basis in the caveats of its vacant properties summary. This table is published online at <https://hnzc.co.nz/publications/housing-statistics-vacant-properties/>.

I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

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

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