



Thank you for your 26 July 2020 request, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for:

*a record of all properties housing New Zealand has purchased over the last 3 years (or more) and what price was paid for each.*

Please see the attached table which provides a record of the properties Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (formerly Housing New Zealand) has purchased over the last three financial years (i.e. from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020).

When buying properties, Kāinga Ora obtains a registered valuation, to ensure that what we pay is within 5 percent of the market rate. I can also advise that the number acquisitions made by Kāinga Ora has decreased each year, from 2017 to 2020, while more new state houses have been delivered by building new, and redeveloping existing, Kāinga Ora properties.

Please note that Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities does not publish the addresses of its properties as this effectively identifies the occupants of those properties as our tenants. We consider that addresses of our properties are the personal information of our tenants, whose privacy we have an obligation to protect.

I am therefore withholding the addresses of the properties in the attached table under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. I do not consider that the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Rachel Kelly  
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