

6 August 2020



Thank you for your email of 10 July 2020 to the Minister of Housing requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1. The number of houses under Kāinga Ora and registered Community Housing Providers currently being occupied or available in New Zealand.*
- 2. Of those numbers how many currently meet the Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Regulations 2019 (HHS) for heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture ingress and drainage, and draught stopping in those properties.*
- 3. With the Kāinga Ora and registered Community Housing that do not currently meet the HHS what is the plan (documents to reinforce) to bring these properties up to the HHS by 1 July 2023.*

Your request was transferred under section 14(b)(ii) to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities to respond as the matters raised are more closely connected with the functions of this organisation.

The first part of your request has been refused under section 18(d) as it is already publically available. You can find this information at [www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/follow-our-progress/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/follow-our-progress/).

The Healthy Homes programme requires Kāinga Ora to install all interventions required and confirm compliance against the regulations. As at 30 June 2020, Kāinga Ora has confirmed that 3,557 lettable units fully meet the standards.

To ensure our portfolio is compliant by 1 July 2023, the Healthy Homes programme will complete the remainder of our rental property portfolio over the next three years as the programme is scaled up. This will see between 30 to 35 percent of our property portfolio completed during each of the next three years.

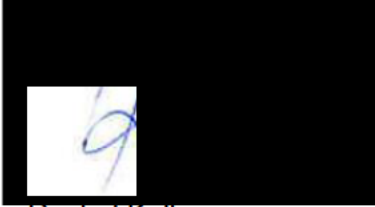
Between 2015 – 2019 our Warm and Dry programme delivered some of the interventions now covered under the Healthy Homes regulations along with other additional interventions to ensure our homes were warm and dry including:

- fitting triple-weave curtains in living and dining rooms, and bedrooms
- installing a fixed form of heating in the living area
- putting in extraction fan in the bathroom and range-hood in the kitchen
- installing carpet or vinyl over bare floors.

In some instances, the work required to meet the Healthy Homes Standards has been undertaken through the Warm and Dry programme.

You have the right under section 28(3) to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman about the decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at either [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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