

30 August 2023

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Thank you for your email of 3 August 2023 to Renee Regal, Manager – Community Engagement and Partnerships, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *what 'per square metre' build cost you are working on to substantiate your repeated claims (to myself and publicly) that the proposed dwellings are "affordable homes"*
- *Just to confirm, we're talking a total of 12 individuals in Ohakune who you claim are in "urgent need of social housing"? ...would be good to understand if those 12 individuals make up X amount of families, so X amount of houses needed please.*

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities does not construct affordable homes, but rather sells build-ready lots to builder partners with performance conditions attached to the agreement, for example a requirement to build a specific typology or at an affordable price point. Due to this, Kāinga Ora does not hold information about the vertical construction costs (including per square metre build cost) for homes, and therefore I am declining the first part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held.

In addition, Kāinga Ora does not hold information related to how many individuals vs families are on the Housing Register for Ohakune. Therefore, I am also declining the second part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

Each person listed on the Housing Register is eligible for one public home.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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