

7 December 2023

s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 20 November 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *What houses have you bought in the past year on the West Coast? Where? What did you pay?*
- 2) *What sections have you bought, where, and what did you pay?*
- 3) *Why did you buy them?*

I have consulted with relevant staff and provided responses below to each of your questions. As mentioned in our email acknowledging your request, we have interpreted 'sections' to mean sections of land, and West Coast to cover the area of the three Territorial Local Authorities (Buller, Grey, Westland) in the region.

**1) What houses have you bought in the past year on the West Coast? Where? What did you pay?**

The total cost of the 14 newly built properties was \$7,452,227, while the cost of buying the three existing properties was \$1,410,000.

When considering the acquisition of a property, we balance the cost of purchasing homes with the need to house people and their families in these areas. There is a need for housing on the West Coast and one of the ways we are helping to address this is to buy completed new homes from developers.

<b>Acquisitions by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities in West Coast Territorial Local Authorities from 1 November 2022 - 31 October 2023</b>		
	Existing Property	Newly Built Property
<b>Buller District</b>		
Webb Street Westport	-	2
Fonblanque Street Westport	1	-
<b>Grey District</b>		
Stirling Drive Greymouth	-	-
Kilgour Road Greymouth	1	-
High Street Greymouth	-	12
<b>Westland District</b>		
Hoffman Street Hokitika	1	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>

**2) What (land) sections have you bought, where, and what did you pay?**

Kāinga Ora did not purchase any sections of land in any of the three West Coast Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023.

### 3) Why did you buy them?

The properties in the table above were acquired to help meet the regional need for public housing on the West Coast, which is reported by the Ministry of Social Development's Housing Register (<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/housing-register.html#LatestresultsSeptember20231>):

TLA	Housing Priority (As at 30 September 2023)		
	A	B	Total
Buller District	66	6	72
Grey District	66	9	78
Westland District	27	3	30

In certain cases, we may also acquire homes for customers with an urgent need, such as significant overcrowding, living in an uninhabitable home, or because we require customers to relocate to enable a redevelopment of an existing Kāinga Ora property.

For more information about Kāinga Ora housing you may also be interested in the following links:

- [https://kaingaora.govt.nz/to\\_TO/publications/oia-and-proactive-releases/housing-statistics/](https://kaingaora.govt.nz/to_TO/publications/oia-and-proactive-releases/housing-statistics/)
- [https://kaingaora.govt.nz/to\\_TO/urban-development-and-public-housing/](https://kaingaora.govt.nz/to_TO/urban-development-and-public-housing/).

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



Rachel Kelly  
**Manager Government Relations**