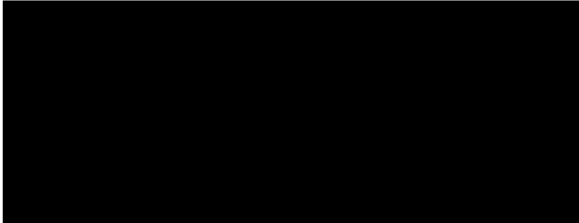


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Thank you for your request of 30 January 2019 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *the number of transitional houses, state houses and community houses in Rotorua and in the wider Rotorua electorate*
- *the number of people on the Housing New Zealand waitlist in Rotorua and the Rotorua electorate.*

Your request was partially transferred, under section 14(b)(i) of the Act, to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The partial transfer was for information on public housing provided by Community Housing Providers and the waiting list for public housing.

This reply provides information on Housing New Zealand housing in Rotorua.

Housing New Zealand records and reports on housing stock at a Territorial Local Authority (TLA) level, and this information is not available at an electorate level.

To compile this information for the Rotorua electoral boundary would require considerable collation. We are therefore refusing the request for electorate data under section 18(f) of the Act, that "... *the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research ...*".

I can tell you that, in the Rotorua District TLA, Housing New Zealand had 674 homes as at 31 December 2018:

- 654 state houses
- 12 Community Group Houses
- 8 Emergency houses.

A State house is a home owned or managed by Housing New Zealand that is or will be tenanted and has a rental agreement. There were 16 vacant state houses in Rotorua, with most undergoing repairs before being let.

Community Group Housing provides properties and assistance in gaining access to houses to groups who support people in the community.

Emergency Housing is leased to third parties to provide short-term accommodation, generally up to three months, for a household with an urgent need for accommodation because they have nowhere to stay or are unable to remain in their usual residence. The temporary accommodation provides a place to stay while their needs are understood and addressed, and longer-term sustainable accommodation found.

Housing New Zealand properties may be owned by Housing New Zealand or leased by Housing New Zealand from the owner.

Housing New Zealand's plans to deliver up to 900 new warm, dry state houses in 23 regional locations across New Zealand over the next four years. The developments are a mix of infill and new building on vacant land. This building programme, along with building activity in the major cities, will go a long way to alleviate growing demand for warm and dry homes.

It is expected that up to 75 new homes will be added to the public housing stock in Rotorua.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with Housing New Zealand's decision to refuse the information you requested. You can reach that office at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling toll free on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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