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Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

- *What was the capital investment in state housing in New Zealand in the past decade?*
- *What was the capital investment in state housing in Taranaki in the past decade?*

These two questions were transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities under section 14 of the Act on 13 January 2020, from your request of 20 December 2019 to the State Services Commission.

The following information is for capital investment in additional state housing.

A new financial information system was introduced in July 2013. Information earlier than 1 July 2013 cannot be provided as it is uncertain if the information is accurate and would require a manual review of a large number of paper documents and it is not known if all the required information is held in these files.

I am therefore refusing that part of your request before 1 July 2013 under section 18(f) of the Act, as *the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.*

Information is available for 1 July 2013 to 31 January 2020 (6 years and 7 months). There was \$4.8 million of capital investment in Taranaki, compared with \$3,909.5 million across New Zealand.

Taranaki has not historically been an area of high demand for state housing. Taranaki had 1.7 per cent of the state housing stock as at 31 January 2020 (1,070 of 63,503 state homes). As at 31 September 2019, the Ministry of Social Development's Housing Register had 183 applicants for housing in Taranaki, 1.3 per cent of the 13,966 applicants across New Zealand.

Kāinga Ora regularly reviews its housing portfolio to ensure homes are in the right place and are of the right size. When we sell or demolish housing that does not meet demand (it is too old, damaged, earthquake prone, or of the wrong size and in the wrong location), then Kāinga Ora may consider if there is a need to replace those houses with new, modern, fit for purpose homes of the right type and in the right location. This is our strategy nationally and regionally.

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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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