

Privacy



Thank you for your request of 29 January 2021 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*'The number of state and council housing units suitable for senior citizens.*

*'The annual numbers of state and council housing units suitable for senior citizens, from 2011 to present.'*

I understand that you have contacted local councils to request the number of council housing units suitable for senior citizens.

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities did not record data on the number of properties considered suitable for senior citizens prior to 2014. Therefore, I am refusing your request for the number of state housing units suitable for senior citizens from 2011 to 2013 under section 18(g) of the Act, as Kāinga Ora does not hold this information.

Since 2014, Kāinga Ora has recorded information on the number of units that are suitable for senior citizens, however the figures are only indicative. Properties recorded as suitable are those that have two bedrooms or fewer and are located on the ground floor, or on a higher floor if a lift is available. Younger tenants on the housing register will be placed in these homes if they meet their needs, and there is no higher priority elderly applicant on the housing register. Elderly tenants may also be placed in homes that are not recorded as 'suitable' if the home is considered suitable for that specific applicant.

A subset of these 'suitable' units are recorded as being 'exclusive' to the elderly. These units are generally located within pensioner complexes. However, when urgently required, Kāinga Ora may place a younger tenant in one of those units if it meets their needs and it is felt that the tenant would be an appropriate fit for the complex.

I have attached a table showing the number of 'suitable' and 'exclusive' units for every year from 2014 to 2021, as at 31 January 2021.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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