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Thank you for your email of 9 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*Does the Housing New Zealand Corporation hold information on the damage to its stock due to fireworks?*

*If yes, please provide for each calendar year from 1996 onwards:*

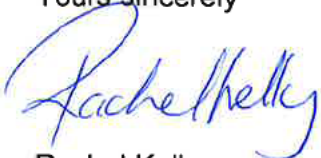
- the number of properties affected*
- the number of properties that required demolition*
- the total cost of the damage. Please indicate if these costs have been indexed*
- whether the information was provided to Ministers*

Housing New Zealand does not centrally record damage sustained to its properties caused by fireworks. This information may be held on individual property files but to review these files would remove Housing New Zealand staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest in the effective and efficient administration of the public service would not be served. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(f) *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*

I have also considered whether Housing New Zealand would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that in both cases Housing New Zealand's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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

Yours sincerely



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