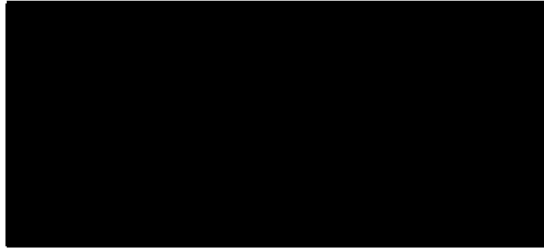


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Thank you for your information request dated 12 December 2018, addressed to our media team, asking for *'the number of state houses built in the financial year to date (12 Dec 2018)'*.

To most easily provide an accurate number, the information for your request has been gathered from the Financial Year starting 1 July 2018, up to the reporting period which ended Sunday 16 December 2018, rather than the mid-week point requested of 12 December 2018.

General commentary

Housing New Zealand is increasing the supply of public and affordable homes in its portfolio, to meet increased housing demand and government targets. In order to achieve this, it has expanded its internal capacity, developed standard housing designs (including options for innovative building methods), undertaken an extensive market review to understand and work more constructively and effectively with our build partners, and obtained funding for an accelerated build programme.

It is important to note that Housing New Zealand's build programme is not static. New homes are completed and ready for tenants across the country every week, at the same time as building starts on any number of new sites, while in other areas feasibility work and consultation is begun.

In response to your request, in the Financial Year 2018/19 (starting 1 July 2018) and as at the week ended 16 December 2018, Housing New Zealand built 273 public housing units.

I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

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