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Thank you for your email of 18 June 2020 to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development requesting the following information about Kāinga Ora – Homes and Community's Unitec site under the Official Information Act 1982:

"I am wondering what type of CARPET and INSULATION will be mainly used to build these 4000 homes? Will you be using a sustainable NZ made product such as wool? if not why? what are the factors influencing this decision?"

The Unitec site in Auckland is in the early planning stages, and therefore details about types of floor coverings and insulation have yet to be determined. At this stage we do not have a timeline on when these decisions will be made.

Kāinga Ora follows government procurement procedures when it comes to purchasing goods or services. Information about this can be found at:
<https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement/specialised-procurement/construction-procurement/>

On 8 November 2019 Kāinga Ora went to market for the supply of a wide range of materials for the maintenance, and possible construction, of our public housing portfolio. A total of 13 contracts were awarded for a four-year term, including for the provision of carpet and insulation.

The sourcing of these materials is directed by the product performance specifications set by our Quality Housing Advisory Team. Suppliers must demonstrate that they can supply materials that meet our product performance requirements, be able to meet required volumes, and have the materials easily and readily available across New Zealand.

For the last nine years Kāinga Ora has used Solution Dyed Nylon (SDN) carpets for our homes because it meets the required performance standards. However, Kāinga Ora now allows for both SDN and wool carpets.

We currently use polyester insulation but we are investigating a glass wool product.

Yours sincerely



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