

29 July 2025

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2025 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I am writing to request the following information under the OIA in relation to the Child Sex Offender Register (CSOR) established under the Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Government Agency Registration) Act 2016.*

- 1. Do you have automatic or manual processes that request information about whether a person who you are dealing with is on the CSOR?*
- 2. Please provide any guidelines or internal documents that address (a) when you will request information about people on the CSOR and (b) the uses to which the information will be put.*
- 3. Please provide any guidelines or internal documents that address how the fact that someone is on the CSOR influences any decisions which you make in relation to that person.*

A very small number of the people in Kāinga Ora houses are under Community Supervision Orders due to sexual offending involving children. The placement of these individuals into Kāinga Ora homes is not done by Kāinga Ora alone. When Kāinga Ora identifies a potential property, the Department of Corrections (Corrections) is responsible for completing risk assessments which consider factors including the risk of reoffending, the safety of the community, and whether a potential property is suitable for the individual.

To enable this, Kāinga Ora has an agreement with Corrections which ensures information is shared in a way that both assists people into appropriate housing and ensures public safety.

Before any placement decisions are made, Corrections complete a thorough risk assessment of a potential property and decide whether it is suitable for the individual being housed. Where a property is thought to be potentially suitable, Kāinga Ora works with Corrections, including meeting at the property to determine the appropriateness of it. When considering whether a property is suitable for a child sex offender, Corrections assess a range of factors. These include but are not limited to the location of victims, the property's proximity to schools, parks and places used by children, as well as physical factors such as shared access, proximity of neighbours and neighbourhood children.

In order for a placement decision to be made in these situations, a Probation Officer must confirm and sign off that they deem that the property is suitable. It is the responsibility of Corrections to decide whether to advise a community that a child sex offender is being housed in their neighbourhood.

In answer to your first and second questions, Kāinga Ora does not request information about whether a tenant is a child sex offender. This information is provided by Corrections via the above process. This also means that Kāinga Ora does not have any documents that address when information about a tenant will be requested. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act, *“that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist”*.

In answer to your third question, I have attached the procedure document *Child Sex Offenders – Recording and Placement (CT-PRO-301)* which contains some information about how we make decisions around placing child sex offenders in our homes. Please note that this document is operational in nature, and exists to help staff navigate the process of recording information in Kāinga Ora systems.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rachel" and the last name "Kelly" clearly distinguishable.

Rachel Kelly  
**Manager Ministerial Services**