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Thank you for your email of 27 May 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

the number of Housing NZ properties in Porirua demolished since the year 2000... please include why the majority of these buildings were demolished.

From 1 July 2009 to 30 April 2018, 55 Housing New Zealand properties were demolished in the Porirua City Territorial Local Authority (TLA). The majority of these properties were demolished for redevelopments and as they were uneconomic to repair, fire damaged, or earthquake prone. Over the same period, Housing New Zealand added 28 properties to its portfolio in the Porirua City TLA.

Regarding your request for data prior to 1 July 2009, Housing New Zealand did not record its data for demolitions in a manner that allowed it to be broken down by TLA. To provide this information, Housing New Zealand would need to dedicate a large amount of staff resources. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act *'that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.'*

You may be interested to know that Housing New Zealand is continuing with its plans to build up to 53 state houses on its Castor Crescent site in Porirua. I have included a recent factsheet with more details. The properties previously on this site were demolished after Housing New Zealand assessed them as being in a poor condition and uneconomic to tenant.

I trust this information is useful. You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of your request.

Yours sincerely



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