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Thank you for your email of 28 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...how many first home buyers in NZ have been successfully granted the HNZ first home start grant subsidy for purchasing a section since the scheme's inception?

I can advise you that beginning with the KiwiSaver Deposit Subsidy on 1 July 2010 and continuing with its successor, the KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant, a total of 7,062 grants were paid to first home buyers purchasing newly-built homes up until 31 May 2019. Of the 7,062 grants that were paid, 2,987 were paid to buyers purchasing land to build a home on.

It is important to note that Housing New Zealand administers financial products like the KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant on behalf of the Government. Data about these products is published on a quarterly basis in Housing New Zealand's Financial Products Report, which can be found online at <https://hnzc.co.nz/publications/financial-products-quarterly-report/>.

Information about other financial products administered by Housing New Zealand can also be found at <https://hnzc.co.nz/ways-we-can-help-you-to-own-a-home/>.

I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Kelly".

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