

29 June 2021

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Thank you for your email of 2 June 2021 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

data covering numbers of Home Start Grants awarded, and First Home Loan approved, and (separately) drawn down / used to settle on a property by all issuers

could this please cover the period of the last five years, and broken down by territorial authority to enable further analysis. We will require this for the whole country, and will be making specific enquiries towards Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara areas.

I am declining part of your request, about First Home Grants, under section 18(d) of the Act, on the grounds that the information requested is publicly available.

Kāinga Ora publishes a report on First Home Grants, formerly known as KiwiSaver HomeStart Grants, every three months. This includes the number of grants approved since 2015 and it is broken down by territorial local authority (TLA). The Financial Products Quarterly Report can be found here:

[Financial Products Quarterly Report :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities \(kaingaora.govt.nz\)](https://www.kaingaora.govt.nz/financial-products-quarterly-report)

Regarding First Home Loans, the attached Excel document sets out the approvals and settlements for First Home Loans from January 2015 to March 2021, as broken down by TLA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely



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