

21 June 2024

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Tēnā koe **9(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 23 May 2024, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *all briefings and communications relating to the timing of the decision around ending first home grant applications on 22 May. Please restrict this OIA to documents relating to the timing.*

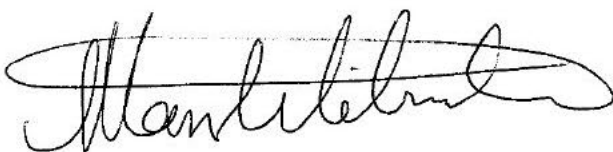
I can confirm that the Kāinga Ora Acting Board Chair was formally advised in confidence about changes to the First Home Grant at 10am on 22 May 2024. The Kāinga Ora Home Ownership Products team were briefed prior to the 1:30pm Government announcement.

I can also advise that Kāinga Ora received a copy of the media release *Government invests in 1,500 more social homes* from the Office of Hon Chris Bishop under embargo around 1pm on 22 May 2024. Please refer to the attached email.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at 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 kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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