



Thank you for your email on 7 March 2019 asking for information about Housing New Zealand homes in Paeroa. You have asked for the following information, which I have interpreted as a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'How many homes in Paeroa are social houses (state houses)? Also when was the last social house purchased?'

'How does the government define overcrowding, and are people living in tents/garages and industrial areas defined as homeless?'

I can advise that Housing New Zealand currently manages 42 state housing properties in Paeroa. The most recent purchase was in January 2007.

Housing New Zealand considers the needs of an applicant for housing and their household at the time they apply for housing to ensure they are allocated a home that meets their needs. Housing New Zealand uses the following guidelines to identify overcrowding in its home. If a household does not meet any of the criteria below, it will be considered to be overcrowded:

- there will be no more than two people per bedroom
- children of a different gender 10 years of age or older should not share a bedroom
- household members 18 years old or over should have a separate bedroom, unless they are a couple.

Homelessness is defined as living situations where people with no other options to acquire safe and secure housing are:

- without shelter
- in temporary accommodation
- sharing accommodation with another household
- living in uninhabitable housing

I trust this information is useful. Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

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