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Thank you for your email of 14 February 2020 requesting the following information:

1. *How many families on the housing register, that identify as maori, have been moved into newly built housing in the 2018, 2019 calendar years?*
2. *Does Kainga Ora have an Indigenous Procurement Policy? And if not, is there a timeline for implementing one?*
3. *What percentage of new housing completed in 2018 and 2019 was awarded to Maori Owned construction companies?*

Data for the number of people housed in newly built Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities properties that identified as Māori is provided below. The data is based on Kāinga Ora's records and is provided for the 2018 and 2019 calendar years.

2018	2019	Total
299	580	879

Kāinga Ora does not have an indigenous procurement policy. We are developing our social procurement/broader outcomes framework and policy, which includes guidance on engaging with Māori (and Pasifika) businesses in line with the Government's procurement broader outcomes directives. One of those directives is increasing the number of New Zealand businesses contracting directly to government and within the supply chain, including Māori and Pasifika businesses.

Kāinga Ora is working with a number of organisations such as He Waka Eke Noa and Akina Foundation, to identify opportunities to support development in a range of sectors, including construction.

Kāinga Ora currently has no records on the ethnicity of the ownership of companies we contract with, whether they are Māori owned or other (e.g. Pasifika). Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the requested information is not held. A project is underway to upgrade our contract reporting capability and capturing this data is within the scope of that initiative. We expect to be collecting this data later in the year.

You have the right under section 28(3) to seek an investigation by an Ombudsman about the decision. More details are available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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