

22 May 2024

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NZ Taxpayers' Union

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 22 April 2024 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am following up on an OIA request sent by one of my colleagues (ref OI 23 362).

In the response you provided you said:

“182-306 Nikau Street, Hastings The build contract for these homes made the provision for a total of 107 trees, including 13 evergreens and 37 fruit trees across the 15 homes and communal areas on the site. Kāinga Ora was provided with a price for the supply and planting of trees, shrubs, and ground covers as a lump sum, and we do not hold a further breakdown of these costs. For the same reasons, we do not hold information about the cost of relocating or transporting the trees. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the Act as the information is not held by Kāinga Ora.”

I request the following information:

- *What was the total lump sum cost for the above mentioned trees, planting of trees, shrubs and ground cover?*
- *Please provide any associated receipts or invoices*

I have interpreted your request to be for information related to the new homes located at 182-306 Nikau Street, Hastings.

Please find the requested information below. This is taken from the final claim payment schedule and is being provided to you as an excerpt under section 16(1)(e) of the Act which allows information comprised in a document to be made available by giving an excerpt or summary of the content.

	Supply and plant trees, shrubs and ground covers (as per planting plan ex Development Nous)	1	item	\$73,350.00	\$73,350.00
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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations