

31 May 2024

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Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 22 May 2024, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I request copies of all communications and draft communications materials sent to the Minister of Housing regarding the “Government invests in 1,500 more social homes” announcement. Where these materials are refused, I request the date on which these materials were sent to the Minister’s Office.*
- *I also request the date on which Kāinga Ora was first informed that the Minister of Housing would be making the announcement “[Government invests in 1,500 more social homes](#)”.*

Kāinga Ora transferred the first part of your request on 24 May 2024 to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) relating to *copies of all communications and draft communications materials sent to the Minister of Housing regarding the “Government invests in 1,500 more social homes announcement”* under section 14 of the Act. This is because these are believed to be more closely connected with the functions of MHUD.

Kāinga Ora is responding to the second part of your request relating to the *date on which Kāinga Ora was first informed that the Minister of Housing would be making the announcement “[Government invests in 1,500 more social homes](#)”.*

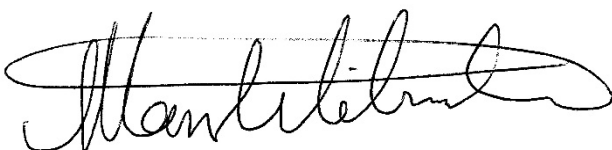
I can confirm that the Kāinga Ora Acting Board Chair was formally advised in confidence about changes to the First Home Grant at 10am on the 22 May 2024. The Kāinga Ora Home Ownership Products team were briefed prior to the 1:30pm Government announcement.

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 at 1.03pm on 22 May 2024.

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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