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Thank you for your email of 25 October 2022, to Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act, 1982 (the Act):

1. *How many Kāinga Ora Properties on Auckland's North Shore have been vacant for a period of more than 6 months if any?*
2. *Could this information be broken down by location and period of time unoccupied.*

We have interpreted your request to include data for Kāinga Ora properties that have been vacant for six months or more within the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as this is most closely aligned with North Shore electorate.

As of 30 September 2022, there is only one Kāinga Ora property that has been vacant for more than six months. This property, which is located in the Narrow Neck suburb, is under the supported housing category and has been vacant between 12 - 16 months. It is leased to a Community Housing Provider. As contractual obligations do not require third parties to notify Kāinga Ora of their decision to leave the property vacant; we cannot comment on their operational decisions.

More generally, Kāinga Ora properties are often vacant due to the property undergoing maintenance or redevelopment. When a tenant moves out properties are inspected to make sure there is no damage and any maintenance work is carried out before a new tenant can move in. There are also a number of long-term vacant properties that are held vacant pending redevelopment, are methamphetamine contaminated, or are undergoing major repairs and upgrades. Houses vacant pending sale includes those for sale under the Tenant Home Ownership programme: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/home-ownership/tenant-home-ownership/>.

For further information and statistics on Kāinga Ora vacant properties please visit: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>.

Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information request where possible, and our response to your request may be published at www.kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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