

24 October 2024

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request of 24 September 2024 to Kāinga Ora requesting the following information under the Official Information Act (the Act):

*'Under the OIA I'm requesting some specific information on the paused social housing rebuild in Albertson Avenue, Port Chalmers.*

*- How much has already been spent in total on that site specific project, (including costs of removing old buildings, rehousing existing tenants, planning, site preparation and maintenance, and any other contractual or internal expenses).*

*- What is the current budgeted cost to complete this site-specific project?'*

I have responded to each of your questions below:

- a) *How much has already been spent in total on that site specific project, (including costs of removing old buildings, rehousing existing tenants, planning, site preparation and maintenance, and any other contractual or internal expenses).*

The total expenditure allocated to this site-specific project as at 14 October 2024 is \$911,334 (incl. GST), which has been spent on professional fees, consent and infrastructure fees, demolition costs and tenant-related costs.

- b) *What is the current budgeted cost to complete this site-specific project?*

A number of Kāinga Ora projects, including 2-12 Albertson Avenue, are under assessment while we review our social housing delivery pipeline, with a focus on best value for money and areas of greatest social housing need.

As this project is under assessment, there is no current budget for this site and I am therefore declining your request for this information under section 18(g), *that the information requested is not held by the [agency] and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either— (i) held by another [agency]; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another [agency]*

In making my decisions, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act, however, I do not consider the withholding of the information from this response is outweighed by public interest considerations in making that information available.

Kāinga Ora will keep local stakeholders and the community up-to-date once decisions have been made.

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](http://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 black ink, appearing to read 'P Commons', written in a cursive style.

Paul Commons,  
**Deputy Chief Executive – South Island**