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Thank you for your email of 4 September 2019 to the Minister of Housing requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- *the number of HomeStart Grant granted for the Wellington Region each year, by neighborhood and suburbs for the last 4 years. The information should be aggregated by amount granted (e.g. x HomeStart Grant between 3k and 4k, etc...)*
- *- the number and amount of Welcome Home Loan granted for the Wellington Region each year, by neighborhood and suburbs for the last 4 years.*

On 5 September 2019, the Minister's office transferred your request to Housing New Zealand to respond under section 14 of the OIA.

In response to your request Housing New Zealand does not capture data down to a "neighbourhood and Suburb" level. The smallest geographic area we capture data (in a sortable format) is by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) level. Both the Welcome Home Loan and HomeStart Grant data is at a TLA level.

The Wellington Region is considered to be as defined by the TLA as:

- Kapiti Coast
- Porirua City
- Upper Hutt
- Lower Hutt
- Wellington City

We have taken the request for data for the last four years to mean aggregated, rather than broken down by year. The number of HomeStart Grants paid for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2019 for each TLA, is broken down by grant amount with the grant amounts shown as per household, rather than per applicant in the table below.

Wellington Region July 2015 – June 2019

TLA areas	3000	4000	5000	6000	8000	10000	Grand Total	Welcome Home Loan
Kapiti Coast	141	147	404	19	14	34	759	58
Porirua City	148	138	502	10	9	29	836	52
Upper Hutt	193	212	548	14	17	32	1016	69
Lower Hutt	412	393	1277	19	21	70	2192	145
Wellington City	220	201	567	14	20	71	1093	82
Grand Total	1114	1091	3298	76	81	236	5896	406

Note the top row shows the amount of the grant

Information about the financial products Housing New Zealand manages can be viewed on our website at www.hnzc.co.nz/ways-we-can-help-you-to-own-a-home/. All this information will be available after 1 October 2019 on the Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities (Kāinga Ora) website.

Kāinga Ora will consolidate all three essential centres of development capability – Housing New Zealand, its development subsidiary HLC, and parts of the KiwiBuild Unit – and includes Housing New Zealand’s existing role as a public landlord.

Yours sincerely

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

Rachel Kelly
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