



WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

For period ending 21 June 2024

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1. Decisions or consultations sought this week

There are no decisions or consultations sought this week.
 For upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month please refer to section 5

2. Updates for Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ [Redacted] ■ [Redacted] ■ [Redacted] ■ [Redacted] ■ [Redacted] 	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">Due</div> <p>Ongoing</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Contact person</p> <p>Mark Fraser</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>GM – Urban Development and Delivery</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: right;"> <p>s 9(2)(a) [Redacted]</p> </div> </div>	

Kāinga Ora Appropriation Change processes – IAF and KiwiBuild

- Kāinga Ora has been provided specific funding through the Homes and Communities appropriation to help address several key issues that have reduced the ability of the New Zealand housing and urban development sector to meet the changing needs of New Zealanders.
- This appropriation funding currently ends on 30 June 2024. A business case for future funding post June 2024 for the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) and Commercial Products (KiwiBuild) teams was considered by Government.
- The Government has confirmed its expectations in relation to IAF and KiwiBuild, and in the Budget announcement selected the minimal services option. This means the work we are required to do for IAF and KiwiBuild will change and therefore it is proposed that the resourcing in the respective teams also needs to change.
- We commenced a change consultation process with the relevant teams on Thursday 13 June.
- For IAF, the total number of roles proposed to be disestablished is four. Of these, one is vacant and two filled by temporary resource. One permanent employee may be made redundant if redeployment is unsuccessful.
- For KiwiBuild, the total number of roles proposed to be disestablished is seven. Of these, two are vacant. Five permanent employees may be made redundant if redeployment is unsuccessful.

Next steps

Consultation
 Final decisions announced
 Transition complete (IAF)
 Selection and transition complete (KiwiBuild)

Due

13 June - 26 June 2024
 9 July 2024
 1 August 2024
 20 August 2024

Contact person

Caroline McDowall

GM - Commercial

s 9(2)(a)

Kāinga Ora renewable energy team change proposal

- The Kāinga Ora renewable energy programme has been funded to date by the Māori and Public Housing Renewable Energy fund. This funding will cease on 30 June 2024 and additional funding to continue the work has not been secured.
- Whilst the funding will cease on 30 June 2024, there is still a requirement for temporary resourcing to ensure final projects are commissioned and effective, to transition to a business as usual approach, and to manage the Multiple Trading Trial.
- To reflect these changes, we propose to commence a change consultation process with the Renewable Energy team on 24 June 2024.
- The total number of roles this change proposal will impact is five. Three fixed term employment arrangements will end as at 30 June 2024. Two permanent employees are proposed to continue in transitional roles and may exit on the grounds of redundancy at the end of the transitional period, if redeployment is unsuccessful.

Next steps (proposal)

Consultation
 Final decisions announced

Due

24 June - 1 July 2024
 10 July 2024

Effective start date of new structure	1 August 2024	
Contact person		
Gareth Stiven	GM - Strategy, Finance and Policy	s 9(2)(a)

First Home Grant Exemptions

- Kāinga Ora stopped accepting new applications for the First Home Grant, effective 1.00pm on 22 May 2024. Criteria for exemptions were set in early June 2024, with a close off date for applicants to contact Kāinga Ora and to seek an exemption by 14 June 2024.
- As at 4.00 pm on 18 June 2024, 443 requests for exemption were received, the status of these is noted in the table below. The team has 85 emails still to work through and determine their status before a final number is confirmed.
- A final count will of exemption requests received and their status will be provided next week.

Exemption request emails received as at 4.00pm on 18 June 2024

Received	443
Awaiting assessment	85
Awaiting information to determine eligibility	79
Eligible	78
Not eligible	151
Exemption not required (already approved or pre-approved)	50

Note that the reason the received number is lower than earlier this week is for two reasons:

1. Some of the emails awaiting assessment from yesterday have been assessed and were not exemption requests.
2. Some duplicate records were removed.

Next steps	Due
An update with final numbers will be provided to you in next week's report.	21 June 2024

Contact person		
Nick Maling	GM – National Services	s 9(2)(a)

Industry recognition for social housing developments at the Property Council New Zealand, Property Industry Awards.

- Hosted by the Property Council of New Zealand, five Kāinga Ora social housing developments received industry awards at the recent 2024 Property Industry Awards held on 14 June 2024.
- A complex at Riccarton Road, Christchurch, won the overall award in the social and affordable housing category, while developments in Lower Hutt, Māngere and Central Auckland all achieved Excellence, and a development in Whangārei received a Merit. Details as follows:

Best Social and Affordable Housing: Riccarton Road, Christchurch

- Built on 1751m² land, twenty new homes replaced four old state homes.
- The building includes a system that shares electricity generated by solar panels equally amongst residents.

Excellence Social and Affordable Housing: Oxford Terrace, Lower Hutt / Wellington

- This development replaced an earthquake vulnerable sixteen-unit block with thirty-two new homes.
- Built on 2,725m² land located to public amenities, the development also included an upgrade of public land on the Oxford Terrace and Mitchell Street corner of the site.

Excellence Social and Affordable Housing: Te Mātāwai, Central Auckland

- Built on 6374m² to provide homes to some of Auckland's most vulnerable, this complex has 24/7 on site support for social housing residents.
- Three buildings with 276 apartments replaced and an old 87-unit state housing building.

Excellence Social and Affordable Housing: Bader Ventura, Māngere, Auckland

- This development replaced three old state homes on 2,819m² of land with eighteen new homes.
- This project was the first government funded Passive House public housing development in Australasia.

Merit Social and Affordable Housing: Puriri Park Road, Whangārei

- This social housing development delivered thirty-seven new homes on land previously owned by the Ministry of Education.
- Half of Puriri Park Road's 1.7ha land is a native bush reserve, which Kāinga Ora has gifted to Whangārei District Council, is now accessible through the installation of a new loop road.

Next steps

N/A

Due

N/A

Contact person

Patrick Dougherty

GM – Construction and Innovation

s 9(2)(a)

3. Updates for Hon Tama Potaka, Associate Minister of Housing

Emergency Housing Placements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ending the large scale and long term use of emergency housing is one of nine key targets for the Government. Kāinga Ora has now housed over 199 families nationally since starting to fast track emergency housing placements from April 2024. There are also an additional 117 open offers to families in the fast track category. We are working closely with the Ministry of Social Development to contribute all we can to this important programme of work. 		
Next steps		Due
Fast track placements are continuing and further updates will be provided.		Ongoing
Contact person		
Paul Commons	DCE – South Island	s 9(2)(a)
Daniel Soughtton	DCE – Central	s 9(2)(a)
Caroline Butterworth	DCE – Auckland and Northland	s 9(2)(a)

Community viewing day for Community Lane and Great North Road, Avondale (Highbury Triangle)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 17 June 2024, customers will begin moving into Auckland’s largest and newest social housing development - Community Lane and Great North Road, formerly known as Highbury Triangle. With four out of five buildings now open to customers, once complete there will be a total of 236 homes spread over five buildings. As part of the community engagement approach, Kāinga Ora committed to open the homes for the community to view through a guided tour prior to customers moving. The tour was held from 12.00pm to 3.00pm on 14 June 2024. Approximately 300 people attended, comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> s 9(2)(a) A large number of community organisations including representatives from: Kahui Tu Kaha (transitional housing staff from St Georges Road accommodation), I Love Avondale, Whau Local Board, Ward Councillor, Auckland Council staff, architects and designers and other interested folks who have watched the development throughout Eke Panuku attended in support to enable community members to understand the Avondale township redevelopment planning Age Concern attended in support of 'International Elder Abuse Awareness Day' (15 June 2024 and across the week), and to speak with individuals and whanau about their service offerings. General feedback was positive about homes with universal design and accessibility features as well as indoor/outdoor areas to help residents connect with each other.

- The delivery of the homes and occupation is staggered from 20 June 2024 through to approximately end November / early December 2024 (last building estimated completion).
- Moves need to be carefully coordinated into the buildings due to lift access (2 per building), and when accessing the site to ensure the safety of movers and customers as there continues to be construction happening across the site.

Next steps		Due
You will be updated on any significant developments.		N/A
Contact person		
Taina Jones, Regional Director – North and West Auckland	Place-based - Auckland/Northland	s 9(2)(a)

Community viewing at St George Street, Papatoetoe		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our St George Street complex comprises of 28 apartments in Papatoetoe for customers aged 55 years old and over. • Kāinga Ora held an open home event on 30 May 2024 to give the community an opportunity to meet the team and ask questions regarding the complex. • Over 75 local community members were in attendance including neighbours, local businesses, Local Board members and service providers. • Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with neighbours telling us how respectful the build partner had been and comment on the quality of the build including very positive comments about the community room. 		
Next steps		Due
The apartments should be ready by August 2024 for customers to move in		August 2024
Contact person		
Caroline Butterworth	DCE – Tāmaki Tai Tokerau / Auckland/Northland	s 9(2)(a)

Auckland CBD Safety

- On 14 June 2024, Kāinga Ora attended a meeting called by the Minister of Police, Hon Mark Mitchell on safety in Auckland's CBD.
- Attendees included as well as the Minister, Mayor Brown, local MP Chlöe Swarbrick, community groups, resident associations, business groups, NGOs and government agencies (Police, MSD, HUD and Kāinga Ora). There were approximately 30 attendees.
- The Minister's agenda covered rough sleepers, emergency and social housing, youth crime, retail crime, and drug and alcohol use. However, due to time constraints the meeting was only able to discuss homelessness and emergency and social housing.
- Main points of the discussion:
 - The Minister said it was important to address city centre safety to ensure the ongoing vibrancy of the area. The Minister was looking for a joined-up strategy.
 - The Mayor wants a stronger police presence, and would prefer more uniformed patrols over a central police station. The Mayor wanted the social and housing agencies to think carefully about the types and volumes of people placed in social housing in the city centre.
 - Local MP Chlöe Swarbrick suggested following the Christchurch *Gap Filler* project, which is a place shaping initiative that temporarily repurposes vacant sites with the aim of maintaining urban vibrancy. The Minister signalled his interest in the initiative.
 - Police Commissioner, Andrew Coster advised that Police are increasing their physical presence, with more foot patrols. Police have a small base on Federal Street with approximately 30 staff. The Police recognise the value of a physical presence, but do not have the funds to establish a police station in the central city.
 - MSD reported it has reduced emergency housing in the city centre by 65 per cent compared to the previous year. MSD uses six sites in the city centre and plans to reduce those to a lower number.
 - Kāinga Ora reported that its inner city portfolio has been about the same size for the last 15 to 20 years and its Te Mātāwai development on Greys Avenue has 24/7 on-site management with wrap around support provided for residents with improved access to healthcare services. Kāinga Ora stressed that they are only looking at renewing their central city portfolio not expanding it.
 - Lifewise thought the number of rough sleepers had not increased. Several stakeholders noted that issues are being driven by different groups, and that it would be wrong to consider it was a homogenous group helped with simple interventions. They cited rough sleepers, drug dealers, drug or alcohol users, and beggars as being different cohorts with different needs.
 - The local business associations noted the impact city centre safety and prolonged CRL construction was having on business owners and workers. They were looking for a joined-up approach that involved enforcement by Police and Auckland Council, and social and health wrap-around services from government agencies and NGOs.

Next steps

The Minister tasked MSD to lead a working group to examine social and emergency housing placements. The work also includes options to facilitate activity during the day for those not in employment who are 'hanging around' the central city. This was in relation to comments that the city centre is being used as a 'lounge' during the day. The Minister will convene the city centre safety meeting monthly.

Due

Mid July 2024

Contact person

Caroline Butterworth

DCE – Auckland and Northland

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4. Summary of papers sent

Paper	Purpose

5. Upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month

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6. Kāinga Ora OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Type	Request summary	Minister(s)	To MO for	Response due
OI 24 214	Azaria Howell	Media	<i>Information</i> Request for communications relating to change process	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	Decision letter sent. Information due 28/06/2024
OI 24 228	Thomas Raethal	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for proposal documents to reduce expenditure	Hon Chris Bishop	Consultation	Decision letter sent. Information due 28/06/2024
OI 24 266	Hannah McCallum	Media	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Wellington development	Hon Chris Bishop	Consultation	12/07/2024 extended
OI 24 274	Member of the public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about contractors and consultants	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	02/07/2024 extended
OI 24 278	Member of the public	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Wellington development	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	02/07/2024 extended
OI 24 285	Matt Swann	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about staff reductions	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	05/07/2024 extended
OI 24 291	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	09/07/2024 extended
OI 24 303	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	17/07/2024 extended
OI 24 306	NZCTU	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about the Board correspondence relating to the review of Kāinga Ora	Hon Chris Bishop	Consultation	01/08/2024 extended

OI 24 309	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for costs of developments between 2017-2023	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	17/07/2024 extended
OI 24 312	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about partnerships with iwi	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	19/07/2024 extended
OI 24 320	Matthew Littlewood	Media	<i>Information</i> Request for information about Dunedin property	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	22/07/2024 extended
OI 24 323	Stewart Sowman-Lund	Media	<i>Information</i> Request for information about ending first home grants	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	24/06/2024
OI 24 327	Meg Stewart Ward	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about performance plans and service delivery	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	25/06/2024
OI 24 329	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about costs and staffing of Urban development Act (SDPs)	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	25/06/2024
OI 24 331	PSA	Interest Group	<i>Information</i> Request for information about external advice on organisational change	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	27/06/2024
OI 24 332	Sophie Trigge	Media	<i>Information</i> Request for information about Kāinga Ora review	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	27/06/2024
OI 24 338	Matt Swann	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about submitted initiatives not funded through the Budget 2024	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	01/07/2024
OI 24 344	Thomas Raethal	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about contractor spending	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	03/07/2024

OI 24 356	Grant Poulton	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about financial sustainability and first home grants	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	08/07/2024
OI 24 357	Action Station	Interest Group	<i>Information</i> Request for information about Auckland developments under review	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	08/07/2024
OI 24 365	Murray Jones	Media	<i>Information</i> Request for information about national supply agreements	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	09/07/2024
OI 24 376	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about first home grants	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	11/07/2024
OI 24 377	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a New Plymouth development	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	12/07/2024
OI 24 381	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Whanganui development	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	12/07/2024
OI 24 382	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about lawn mowing costs	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	12/07/2024
OI 24 383	Member of the Public	Public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about lease portfolio	Hon Chris Bishop	Not being provided	12/07/2024

7. Ministerial OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 24 366	Hon Chris Bishop	Advice regarding the sale of Kāinga Ora homes	26/06/2024	26/06/2024

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