



WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

For period ending 27 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

First Home Grant Exemptions														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. All emails have now been reviewed and Kianga Ora confirms it received a total of 389 request for exemption, the status of these is noted in the table below. <p>Exemption request emails received and status as at 5.00pm on 25 June 2024</p> <table> <tr> <td>Received</td> <td>389</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Awaiting assessment</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Awaiting information to determine eligibility</td> <td>66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eligible</td> <td>88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exemption not required (already approved or pre-approved)</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </table>			Received	389	Awaiting assessment	0	Awaiting information to determine eligibility	66	Eligible	88	Not eligible	185	Exemption not required (already approved or pre-approved)	50
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Next steps		Due												
Once the status of the 66 awaiting information to determine eligibility is known we will provide you with final numbers.														
Contact person														
Nick Maling	GM – National Services	s 9(2)(a)												

Chief Ombudsman Presentation and Review

- The Chief Ombudsman, Peter Boshier, gave a 30 minute presentation at a special online session for staff on the work of his office and the Official Information Act (OIA) on 21 June 2024. Seven-hundred staff viewed the session.
- The presentation covered why the OIA is important, what information is subject to the OIA, and how staff can best work with the OIA in their roles.
- This was very timely as the agency's new OIA and Proactive Release policies have just been published. We consulted the Chief Ombudsman on the approach and content.
- The OIA Policy sets out how we already comply with the OIA and the Proactive Release Policy sets ambitious objectives that will be implemented in phases.
- Both policies have been subject to extensive internal and external consultation, including from the Office of the Ombudsman.
- The Proactive Release policy aims to increase the amount of information of public interest published on our website. It will be rolled out in stages to ensure the right mix of processes, protocols, and resourcing.
- We are also expecting a draft report within the next month or so of the Chief Ombudsman's review of the OIA practices of selected agencies, including Kāinga Ora, Te Whatu Ora, Transpower, DIA, DPMC and the Treasury.
- We will keep you informed of significant developments.

Next steps

Draft report on Kāinga Ora's OIA practices and performance

Due

TBA

Contact person

Al Witcombe

Acting DCE – Government and
Sector Relationships

s 9(2)(a)

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

Wellbeing Recovery Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland Council have established a collaborative, inter-agency approach to community wellbeing in direct response to the 2023 weather events that affected the city/ region. Kāinga Ora has joined a new Wellbeing Recovery Group which is focused on access to services and support, opportunities for social connection and local capacity building and leadership development. Membership of this Recovery Group complements technical work Kāinga Ora has underway with the Council on flood prone land and flood mitigation. Kāinga Ora owns property within a number of priority areas of interest to the Council including Mangere, Mt Roskill, and parts of Henderson. 		
Next steps		Due
The development of an Action Plan to sit alongside the Wellbeing Recovery Plan		TBA
Contact person		
Caroline Butterworth	DCE – Auckland/Northland / Tāmaki Tai Tokerau	s 9(2)(a)

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4. Summary of papers sent

Paper	Purpose
Ad hoc Progress update: replacing the Sustaining Tenancies Framework AH 24 040	This paper provides you with an update on the timeframes and process to deliver on the Government's expectation that Kāinga Ora replace its Sustaining Tenancies Framework
Ad hoc Monthly report to the Minister – May 2024 AH 24 038	This paper provides you with an overview of Kāinga Ora programmes and activities
Ad hoc Rent debt policy update AH 24 042	This paper provides you with an update on progress Kāinga Ora is making to work with tenants in rental areas, including strengthening the approach for tenants who fail to meet agreed repayments or refuse to engage to reduce their rental arrears
Briefing SDP assessment reports on Porirua and Tauranga BN 24 016	This paper follows Kainga Ora's recommendations that Ministers exercise legal powers to establish two large-scale urban development projects in Wellington and Tauranga as Specified Development Projects (SDPs)
Briefing Final 2024/25 Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE) BN 24 017	The paper provides you with a copy of the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (Kāinga Ora) final 2024/25 Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE)

5. Upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month

s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

6. Kāinga Ora OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Type	Request summary	Minister(s)	To MO for	Response due
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	12/07/2024 extended
OI 24 327	Meg Stewart Ward	Opposition	<i>Information</i> Request for information about performance plans and service delivery	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	12/07/2024 extended
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	12/07/2024 extended
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
OI 24 402	Zane Small	Media	<i>Statistics</i> Request for statistics of warnings issued under the RTA	Hon Chris Bishop	Noting FYI	23/07/2024

7. Ministerial OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor

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