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Dear JB

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2022 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“I am requesting the number of houses built for the purposes of government-owned state housing between 2008 and 2017, and separate data for those built between 2017 and July 31 2022. To clarify, I am requesting those which have been completed.*

*If the data from 2008 to 2017 is not available, I request the data you can access between those dates.*

*I am requesting only the number of houses built year-by-year, not any further details”.*

Kāinga Ora secures additional homes through:

- redevelopments, where new homes are built on Kāinga Ora land, usually replacing an older home with more new warm and dry homes
- acquiring new homes, as a new build that has not been previously occupied, from a builder or developer
- acquiring existing homes, usually on the open market
- homes leased from private or corporate owners.

The following table provides the information you have requested, except for the year 2008/09, which is not held in any Kāinga Ora database or reported in the Annual Report 2008/09.

**New state homes (acquired new or from redevelopment) 2009/10 to 2021/22**

Financial Year to 30 June	Acquired New	Redevelopment	Total
2009/10	110	244	354
2010/11	50	109	159
2011/12	67	55	122
2012/13	88	9	97
2013/14	80	91	171
2014/15	98	300	398
2015/16	148	576	724
2016/17	54	355	409
2017/18	156	682	838
2018/19	421	1,040	1,461
2019/20	236	993	1,229
2020/21	280	1,586	1,866
2021/22 <sup>1</sup>	292	940	1,232

1. 2021/22 Subject to audit before reporting in Annual Report

The Annual Report 2008/09 does note that “in 2008/09, the Corporation added 954 houses to the housing portfolio”, but does not report whether this is state homes or all homes, or whether these homes were newly built, bought as an existing house or leased. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by Kāinga Ora.

Information on newly built homes in July 2022 is currently being approved for release, and will soon be published by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at: <https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insight/the-government-housing-dashboard/change-in-public-homes/>. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be available publicly.

Kāinga Ora prefers to deliver new homes through redevelopment, reducing old and dated housing and providing new warm and dry homes. The priority of Kāinga Ora is to house people in need, and buying new build homes or buy-ins provides additional homes where need cannot be met through redevelopment.

As well as providing around 65,000 state homes for tenants, Kāinga Ora also builds, buys, and occasionally leases homes for use as Community Group Housing (around 1,500) and transitional housing (just under 2,200) and owns a portfolio of homes leased to and operated by community housing providers (just under 1,000). Further information on total homes managed by Kāinga Ora is available at the HUD website above and on the Kāinga Ora website at: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>.

Community Group Housing provides properties and assistance in gaining access to houses to groups who support people in the community. Transitional housing is leased to third parties to provide short-term accommodation for longer durations (e.g. six months) for people transitioning from adverse situations or with complex needs. The temporary accommodation is used to help people stabilise their short-term housing and support needs, learn to live independently before moving to a more permanent housing solution.

Under section 28 of the Act you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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 'JK' followed by a stylized surname.

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