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Tait Dench
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Dear Tait Dench

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

I would like to know how many successful HomeStart grants have been given to applicants in Canterbury (including Christchurch), and how many of those were for new build vs. existing homes.

I am refusing your request under section 18(d) as *the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*

Information about the performance of our financial products is available from our website at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/home-ownership/financial-products-report/> and here you can download the latest quarterly report for 30 September 2019 and previous reports.

Please note the First Home Grant overview is broken down by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) showing the TLA applications approved, properties bought, grants paid (by number and \$) and includes the categories for existing house and new build.

You have the right under section 28(3) to seek an investigation by an Ombudsman about the decision. More details are available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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