

25 August 2023

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Thank you for your email of 25 July 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Do you know how many houses have been provided in Hamilton West since 2017?

On 28 July 2023, Kāinga Ora sought clarification of your request. On 4 August 2023, you clarified your request to be for the following information:

1. *Total number of public housing stock now compared with October 2017 for Hamilton West and Hamilton city; and*
2. *Breakdown of how many of those public houses were acquired and how many were built (for Hamilton West)*
3. *Same as 2 for the whole of Hamilton city*
4. *How many public houses were built or acquired from 2008-2017 in Hamilton West and also Hamilton city as a whole*

Kāinga Ora does not record information by electorate. Usually, our reporting is broken up by Territorial Local Authority (TLA). Hamilton West falls under the Hamilton City TLA, but cannot easily be separated out or reported on in a way that would accurately fit within the boundaries of an electorate. Therefore, the below information pertains only to Hamilton City TLA.

As of June 2023, Kāinga Ora managed 3,428 homes. In comparison, as at October 2017, Kāinga Ora managed 2,865 homes.

Between November 2017 and June 2023, Kāinga Ora acquired and/or built 766 homes in Hamilton City. These are broken down as follows:

- **Redevelopment / Kāinga Ora-led** - new housing delivered by a builder/developer on land already owned by Kāinga Ora - either after existing homes are deconstructed, demolished or removed from a site, or on vacant land.
- **Acquired new / Developer-led** - new housing delivered by a builder/developer on land not already owned by Kāinga Ora.
- **Acquired existing / Buy-in** – homes already built, bought from the market, that meet Kāinga Ora needs and standard. These are bought using a Sales and Purchase agreement
- **New Leases** – Kāinga Ora leases homes where there is no available public homes of the right type or number of bedrooms.

Redevelopment	Acquired new	Acquired existing	New Leases	Total
137	454	130	45	766

Of note, the difference in totals between our total housing stock comparisons, and the houses acquired and/or built in this time period, is attributed to houses that were sold, leases expired or demolished.

Between October 2009 (the earliest date for which centrally recorded is available) and October 2018 Kāinga Ora acquired and/or built 448 homes in Hamilton City. These are broken down as follows:

Redevelopment	Acquired new	Acquired existing	New Leases	Total
60	146	54	188	448

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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