

4 August 2023

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Thank you for your email dated 28 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *has 29 Globe Bay Drive, Templeton, Christchurch been bought by the government for \$960,000; and*
- *is it being renovated at a cost of \$300,000; and*
- *is it going to be used for the homeless.*

If so, I would be grateful if you could provide further information on the number of people intended to be housed at the property and when this facility will become operational.

I can confirm that Kāinga Ora has purchased this property for a cost of \$960,000 for Community Group Housing, as part of our supported housing role. Supported housing packages together Government funded housing with support services that are essential to the wellbeing of the person living in the home.

We have spent a total of \$60,661.07 (incl GST) on renovations and we have allowed a further \$25,000 to install the required interconnected smoke alarm system.

This home will be leased to a Service Provider. There may be further costs incurred by the service provider to make the home operational.

The property is expected to provide a home for up to three people. We expect people to be able to move in from around the end of August.

Community Group Housing

Community Group Housing is a service provided by Kāinga Ora where we work with organisations to provide housing to support some of New Zealand's most vulnerable people. To protect the privacy of the individuals who are in the property we are not going to specify what this service is, though we can let you know it will be used to provide health support services. Community Group Housing properties, including this home, are managed by service providers.

When we look to purchase properties for supported housing, we look for properties suitable for people with a range of different needs which may include things such as disabilities, that suit multiple individuals to live together, that suit the supported living arrangements required. Homes can often be large four or five-bedroom, single-storey, properties with large wet area bathrooms, wider than standard hallways, with a floor plan that enables 24/7 support to be provided if required.

The location of the homes is determined in consultation with the service provider who will lease the property, often based on support requirements for the people who will live at the property. This may include proximity to healthcare facilities, whānau and other support services.

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.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kelly
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