



Thank you for your email of 10 December 2019 in which you make the following request:

“How many homes have been bought for use as state housing since the government in 2018 and 2019?”

I have interpreted your request to be a request for the number of existing houses bought for use as state housing during the period of the current Government.

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (formerly Housing New Zealand) buys, leases and builds houses to meet demand for state housing. Between 1 November 2017 and 30 November 2019 Kāinga Ora has bought 679 properties. This number excludes properties bought for emergency housing and Community Group Housing.

Houses and land are primarily purchased where:

- a property is strategically located and its acquisition would enable a significant uplift in development outcomes and numbers
- redevelopment and/or retrofit activities require homes to re-house displaced tenants and there are no new builds available
- existing leases are coming to an end and Housing New Zealand has the option to buy the property rather than lose it from its portfolio
- there is a pressing need in the location and no available stock.

Kāinga Ora also built 2,596 properties for state housing over the same period.

Yours sincerely



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