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Thank you for your email of 25 January 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Housing New Zealand spending on maintenance, building/renovation of rental properties by each Territorial Local Authority (TLA) for the latest year available.

Please find included with this response, a table containing a breakdown of Housing New Zealand's spending on maintenance over the 2017/18 financial year, by TLA. It is important to note that the maintenance spend by TLA will differ from figures in Housing New Zealand's annual report as the maintenance spend in each TLA excludes adjustments, accruals, reversals and provisions. Housing New Zealand also spent \$155 million across the country on maintenance, upgrades, and improvements, which included major renovations work.

Regarding the second part of your request for the amount that Housing New Zealand spent on building and renovating rental properties, this information is recorded in a manner that means it cannot be easily broken down to a TLA level. In order to obtain this data, Housing New Zealand would need to dedicate a significant amount of time and staff resources. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18 (f) of the Act, as, '*...the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*'

I can advise you that Housing New Zealand spent \$231 million on purchasing homes over the 2017/18 financial year, of which \$184 million was spent throughout the Auckland region, while \$47 million was spent across the rest of New Zealand. Furthermore, of the \$544 million Housing New Zealand spent on building homes and purchasing land, \$421 million was spent in the Auckland region compared to \$123 million across the rest of New Zealand. You can also find additional information regarding Housing New Zealand's spending in the 2017/18 Annual Report.

I trust this information is useful. You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of your request.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Needham
Chief Financial Officer

**Total Housing New Zealand Maintenance Spend for the
2017/18 Financial Year by Territorial Local Authority***

Territorial Local Authority	(NZ\$)
Ashburton District	1,283,047.18
Auckland	180,967,093.24
Buller District	550,097.63
Central Hawke's Bay District	167,386.21
Central Otago District	71,315.99
Christchurch City	40,529,649.86
Clutha District	213,790.29
Dunedin City	7,730,563.67
Far North District	4,591,909.07
Gisborne District	7,547,594.12
Gore District	218,680.27
Grey District	1,104,105.57
Hamilton City	19,359,420.25
Hastings District	7,361,713.37
Hauraki District	1,004,751.02
Horowhenua District	1,217,049.40
Hurunui District	287,346.00
Invercargill City	2,100,064.00
Kaikoura District	300,522.37
Kaipara District	1,139,934.35
Kapiti Coast District	1,005,090.24
Kawerau District	250,274.94
Lower Hutt City	21,540,264.04
Mackenzie District	10,091.16
Manawatu District	966,957.43
Marlborough District	2,777,814.08
Masterton District	50,093.14
Matamata-Piako District	1,586,075.95
Napier City	7,706,859.36
Nelson City	3,464,532.32
New Plymouth District	6,159,024.17
Opotiki District	939,008.27
Otorohanga District	160,108.84
Palmerston North City	9,132,750.05
Porirua City	14,662,359.89
Queenstown-Lakes District	31,988.20
Rangitikei District	271,736.55
Rotorua District	6,767,119.64
Ruapehu District	792,884.75
Selwyn District	194,628.19
South Taranaki District	955,617.30
South Waikato District	471,827.77
Southland District	28,605.07
Stratford District	171,945.57
Tasman District	1,087,258.49
Taupo District	1,453,735.94

Tauranga City	1,292,064.48
Thames-Coromandel District	1,596,625.16
Timaru District	2,499,775.43
Upper Hutt City	2,509,786.90
Waikato District	2,156,703.68
Waimakariri District	900,047.71
Waimate District	165,799.67
Waipa District	1,961,953.13
Wairoa District	683,970.32
Waitaki District	704,293.76
Waitomo District	592,113.95
Wanganui District	2,705,548.91
Wellington City	10,217,577.14
Western Bay Of Plenty District	19,393.10
Westland District	325,790.88
Whakatane District	3,688,593.49
Whangarei District	8,494,168.97
Other/Adjustments**	73,029,634.42
Total	473,928,526

Please note:

*The maintenance spend figures for each TLA excludes accruals and provisions.

** 'Other/Adjustments' covers spending that cannot be broken down to a TLA level.