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On 29 November 2022, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities accepted a partial transfer from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of your request originally made to the Ministry of Social Development, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many motels has the New Zealand Government brought ?

What are the names of motels the New Zealand Government have brought?

The following table provides the name of the motels at the time of purchase, the month and year purchased and location of hotels that Kāinga Ora had purchased for accommodation and/or future development.

There are no recorded purchases of motels before 2016.

Former motel name	Location	Purchase date
Takanini Motel	Takanini, Auckland	December 2016
Eastland Motel	Te Hapara, Gisborne	June 2017
Clansman Motel	Raureka, Hastings	June 2017
Napier Garden Motel	Napier	June 2017
Brydan Motel	Blenheim	March 2018
Pioneer Motel Inn	Palmerston North	July 2018
Spinnaker Motel	Plimmerton, Porirua	May 2020
Shetland Court	Wakari, Dunedin	December 2020
Boulevard Motel	Glenholme, Rotorua	August 2021

Working alongside the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is helping the wider work to provide more supply for public and transitional housing, in a range of ways across New Zealand. In some cases Kāinga Ora will look to purchase properties that have previously operated as motels for transitional housing, and/or as sites for future housing development.

Transitional housing provides people and families in urgent need of housing with a warm, dry, safe place to live while they receive wraparound support services and are helped to find a more permanent place to live.

The motels are significantly upgraded by Kāinga Ora, to ensure they are suitable for people and families to stay. For example, the most recent motel purchase of the site previously named the Boulevard Motel, 30 renovated units can now house 80 people living in HUD-contracted supported transitional housing, and the grounds have been upgraded to provide fenced play areas for children. Longer term, Kāinga Ora intends to redevelop the property for housing.

Local community housing support provider WERA Aotearoa Charitable Trust is supporting the residents, including helping them to find a permanent place to live.

Placements are made through Te Pokapū /The Hub in Rotorua who work alongside WERA to prioritise placing whānau with tamariki. The aim is to create a Whānau Village. Those matched to move in are likely to come from living situations such as Rotorua emergency housing motels.

Further information can be found here: www.kaingaora.govt.nz/news/families-move-into-supported-transitional-housing-in-rotorua

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