

21 March 2023

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Thank you for your email of 20 February 2023 to Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing, in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Just wondering what the annual & or monthly cost it is to have guards patrol & stay overnight at Housing NZ (don't know other name hope you know what I mean can't keep up with all NAME changes) complexes or similar. Consider this an OIA request.”

On 23 February 2023 your request was transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities under section 14 of the Act, as the information to which your request relates is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of that agency.

I can advise that Kāinga Ora does not track the specific cost of security guards, collect this information centrally, or categorise this expenditure in a way that would allow it to be easily identified. In addition, security guards may be provided on Kāinga Ora sites by construction partners or third parties, so these costs are not directly incurred by Kāinga Ora. They may be passed on in overall project costs, but not charged as an individual item.

I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I have considered whether Kāinga Ora would be able to respond to the request if given extra time, the ability to charge for the information requested, or if the request was refined, however these options are unlikely to assist in this instance.

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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