



Thank you for your email to Housing New Zealand. In your email you ask:

- ‘1. What is the size and composition of the legal team at your agency?’*
- 2. Where does the legal team sit in the agency’s structure?’*
- 3. Does the manager or chief legal counsel have direct access to the Board and/or Director of the agency?’*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

The answers to your questions are as follows:

1. Housing New Zealand’s Legal Team is made up of a General Counsel (based in Wellington) and 13 Lawyers (three in Wellington and 10 in Auckland). In addition there are five Legal Executives based in our Auckland Office.
2. Legal is part of the Governance Business Group.
3. The General Counsel is available to the Housing New Zealand Board Directors.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
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