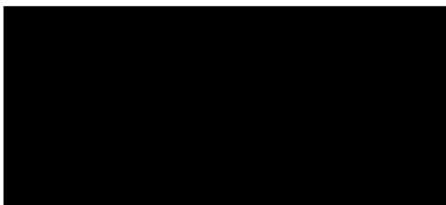


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Thank you for your email of 22 October 2019 requesting the following information from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, formerly Housing New Zealand, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I get a breakdown of all properties purchased by the Government for social housing since the coalition Government formed in the [separate] council areas of Tauranga, Western Bay, Rotorua and Taupō.

For each property please provide the address, the date of purchase, the purchase price paid, the reason for the decision to purchase that particular property, and how it is being used.

Please find included with this response, a table containing most of the information you have requested. For privacy reasons, I am declining to provide the street numbers of the houses purchased by Kāinga Ora under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to, 'protect the privacy of natural persons...'

From 26 October 2017 when the current Government was formed, to 30 September 2019, Kāinga Ora purchased 18 properties across the four Territorial Local Authorities you requested, for use as public housing.

Kāinga Ora's preference when seeking to increase its supply of rental housing is to better utilise the land it already owns. However, from time to time, it will make strategic purchases of newly built or existing homes on the market. Kāinga Ora has a number of reasons for buying such properties, including the homes being close to amenities, in areas with a low concentration of state houses, and having a bedroom configuration that is in demand.

You can find more data about Kāinga Ora's rental stock on our website at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on your request. You can contact the Ombudsman by phone on 0800 802 602 or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Table: Houses purchased by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities in four Territorial Local Authorities of the Bay of Plenty Region from 26 October 2017 to 30 September 2019[†]

Property Use	Address	Territorial Local Authority	Acquisition Date	Acquisition Costs
Public Housing	Ashley Place, Papamoa Beach	Tauranga City	24/11/2017	\$565,000
Public Housing	Cheyne Road, Pyes Pa	Tauranga City	24/01/2018	\$625,000
Public Housing	Parkside Mews, Papamoa Beach	Tauranga City	10/09/2018	\$715,000
Public Housing	Atlanta Court, Katikati	Western Bay Of Plenty District	24/10/2018	\$638,000
Public Housing	Park Road, Katikati	Western Bay Of Plenty District	26/10/2018	\$600,000
Public Housing	Alexander Street, Katikati	Western Bay Of Plenty District	16/11/2018	\$592,000
Public Housing	Piata St, Papamoa Beach	Tauranga City	21/02/2019	\$641,000
Public Housing	Gloucester Road, Papamoa Beach	Tauranga City	3/04/2019	\$693,000
Public Housing	Vaughan Road, Owhata	Rotorua District	3/05/2019	\$683,000
Public Housing	Furlong Road, Papamoa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$755,000
Public Housing	Monaro Place, Papamoa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$731,000
Public Housing	Dunkeld Drive, Papamoa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$721,000
Public Housing	Whakaturou Crescent, Pyes Pa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$695,000
Public Housing	The Boulevard, Papamoa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$750,000
Public Housing	Foley Grove, Pyes Pa	Tauranga City	1/08/2019	\$636,000
Public Housing	Foley Grove, Pyes Pa	Tauranga City	1/09/2019	\$666,000
Public Housing	Dunkeld Drive, Papamoa	Tauranga City	30/09/2019	\$713,000
Public Housing	Victoria Street, Richmond Heights	Taupo District	30/09/2019	\$630,500

Footnote: † Excludes Community Group and Emergency Housing.