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Thank you for your email of 16 September 2021 requesting information about the Kāinga Ora retrofit programme and planned developments under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I have addressed each of your questions in turn below.

What was the budget and initial costings for the Hutt Valley retrofit pilot, and how much did the pilot cost in reality?

The initial funding approved in 2019 for the Hutt Valley retrofit works was \$57 million. Initial costs for this were \$61 million.

What is the budget and cost estimates or quotes for the wider retrofit programme, and have there been cost increases for that project, or an indication of cost increases? If so, what are these, as a dollar value, or as a proportion of the initial costs?

Approved funding for this programme is \$579 million. As this programme is ongoing I am withholding information relating to cost changes under section 9(2)(j) of the Act as the release of it would prejudice ongoing commercial negotiations at this stage.

Please provide the budget and initial costings for each of the planned developments <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/developments-and-programmes/our-work-in-communities/planned-developments/>

The developments at the above link are still in various stages of development and many are yet to go out to tender. I am therefore withholding this information under section 9(2)(j) of the Act as the release of it would prejudice ongoing commercial negotiations at this stage.

Have these costs changed since the initial costings. If so, please provide these changes in dollar value or a proportion of the initial costs.

As these projects are still in the planning stages we do not hold information on this matter. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

Please provide any explanation as to why the costs have changed and if this means Kāinga Ora is changing the planned rollout of any of these initiatives, i.e, timing, scale.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a serious impact on global manufacturing, supply chains and logistics. Recently we have seen congestion at ports, a global container shortage, price increases and supply constraints. This has been compounded by a local boom in construction activity.

Kāinga Ora in the same position as the rest of the construction industry in New Zealand and are working through all avenues to continue or keep the delay to our construction plans to a minimum. We

continue to monitor this changing situation and offer any assistance we can to our build partners. The retrofit pilot did provide valuable insight and experience to Kāinga Ora and this has been reflected by changes to the nationwide programme.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 our 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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