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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email partially transferred to Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) on 21 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*How many new homes/apartments are been built here in Gisborne*

There were 18 new residential buildings consented in Gisborne – Tairāwhiti in November 2021. Building consents data is one of the key indicators of construction sector activity. However, it is a lead indicator that reflects an intention to build. Not all consents will result in completed, additional dwelling stock. The net number of new dwellings resulting from consents depends on other factors including delays and cancellations and the number of demolitions occurring to make way for new building works. You can find more data on building consents on the Stats NZ website at: [www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/building-consents-issued-november-2021](http://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/building-consents-issued-november-2021).

Included in the consents data is public housing. Public housing are houses that are rented out by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (formerly Housing New Zealand) or registered Community Housing Providers, and rent is generally no more than 25 percent of a household's income.

The Public Housing Plan (PHP) sets out the Government's public housing supply intentions for the next four years. The 2021-2024 plan provides information about the location and number of an additional 8,000 public and transitional housing places that will be delivered by June 2024.

Our supply intentions for the East Coast – which includes Central Hawke's Bay, Napier, and Wairoa, as well as Gisborne – are for a net additional 628 places by June 2024. You can read more about the PHP on our website: [www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/increasing-public-housing/public-housing-plan/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/increasing-public-housing/public-housing-plan/).

Kāinga Ora leads the delivery on new public housing for Aotearoa New Zealand and is guided by the PHP. Four newly built public homes were delivered by Kāinga Ora between 31 July 2021 and 30 November 2021.

Kāinga Ora's current intentions of future construction of public and supported housing for Gisborne is for approximately 240 homes, in addition to 40 currently in consenting and procurement and 80 homes under construction (360 in total). These numbers also include homes where Kāinga Ora acquires newly completed homes on private land from a third party.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the - Ombudsman's website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Shaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anne Shaw  
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