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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Has the Government (I'm not sure if this is MSD or HUD) bought the Tuscany Villas and/or Emerald Spa Resort in Rotorua?*
 - o *If so why?*
2. *Has it bought any other motels in Rotorua?*
3. *How much did it pay?*
4. *Has it bought motels in any other cities?*

I understand that part one of your request was responded to by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's (the Ministry's) media team. This response answers the remaining parts of your request.

The Ministry works with Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, community housing providers, developers, councils, and other agencies in order to increase the supply of transitional housing. Transitional housing provides warm, safe and dry short-term accommodation and tailored housing related support services. Families and individuals stay in transitional housing for around 12 weeks, or more if necessary. In most cases, they receive a further 12 weeks of support services once they have found a more permanent place to live.

The Ministry contracts with community providers and motels to provide warm, dry, short-term transitional housing for families and individuals who do not have anywhere to live. Support services are also provided, which are tailored to the household's needs, to help them secure a longer-term home and get back on their feet so that they are in a stronger position to stay housed. As such, the Ministry does not own motels.

I can confirm that as at 30 June 2020, Kāinga Ora owns seven motels, none of which are in Rotorua.

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.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Shaw', with a stylized, cursive script.

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