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I refer to your request to the Ministry of Justice dated 25 September 2020 regarding Kāinga Ora developments and housing demand in Auckland. As you were advised, the following part of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) for response:

I would like to gain any documents you have based on state/social housing demand in Auckland, if possible

Following an email discussion with a Ministry official on 7 October 2020, you clarified your request to:

Any information around the growth in state housing demand in the central and South Auckland areas. More specifically any demand metrics on Mangere-Otahuhu local board area.

After a follow-up email discussion with the same Ministry official on 14 October 2020, you requested to receive data for two local boards only: Mangere-Otahuhu; and Maungakiekie-Tamaki.

We are seeing more people asking for help with accommodation than ever before due to a shortage of rental properties, increasing rents, and the economic impact of COVID-19. We will continue to build more public houses and make sure people move into them, and off the Public Housing Register as quickly as possible. In 2018, the Government released its plan to increase public housing supply across New Zealand over the four years to June 2022. The Public Housing Plan provides information about where, how many, and what type of additional public housing places are planned and can be found at: www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/increasing-public-housing/public-housing-plan/

We are aiming to secure around 6,400 additional public housing places nationwide: 1,600 places per year on average across New Zealand between July 2018 and June 2022 – bringing the total number of public housing places in New Zealand to around 73,628 by June 2022. In addition, Budget 2020 invested \$570m to deliver an additional 8,000 homes: approximately 6,000 public housing homes and 2,000 transitional homes.

For the year to 30 June 2020, the Ministry in partnership with Kāinga Ora and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) delivered 2,074 public housing places exceeding the yearly target set out in the Public Housing Plan by 474 places. The Ministry will continue to work with Kāinga Ora, CHPs and the wider housing sector to achieve the Government's goal of increasing the supply of public housing.

The Ministry regularly publishes a series of resources and shares information on public housing supply, homelessness programmes and other housing support. Information is published monthly and quarterly and for regions across New Zealand, including Auckland. You can find these resources here: www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/follow-our-progress/.

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on either the Housing Register or the Transfer Register. The Housing Register represents applicants not currently in public housing who have been assessed as eligible for public housing, and who are ready to be matched to a suitable property. The Transfer Register represents applicants already in public housing who need to be rehoused for reasons such as there being too few or too many bedrooms in their current public house, or for health reasons.

The data provided to you is for Housing Register applicants only:

- **Tables 1 - 3** show the number of applications on the Housing Register at the end of each month over the three years: 2017/2018; 2018/2019; and 2019/2020, broken down by Mangere-Otahuhu and Maungakiekie-Tamaki local boards.
- **Tables 4 - 6** show how demand has changed each month over the three years: 2017/2018; 2018/2019; and 2019/2020, broken down by Mangere-Otahuhu and Maungakiekie-Tamaki local boards. The increases and decreases shown in these tables is based on the number of applicants on the Housing Register at the end of each month.

I trust you receive this information in time to help you with your dissertation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry at OIA_Requests@hud.govt.nz.

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.

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Table 1: Housing Register Applicants 2017/2018

Local Board	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Mangere - Otahuhu	231	252	249	237	254	271	291	332	372	396	415	431
Maungakiekie – Tamaki	146	150	148	151	149	162	155	165	200	205	221	223

Table 2: Housing Register Applicants 2018/2019

Local Board	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Mangere - Otahuhu	436	451	447	460	478	481	487	507	477	512	494	516
Maungakiekie - Tamaki	228	241	227	213	230	247	258	267	242	251	262	281

Table 3: Housing Register Applicants 2019/2020

Local Board	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Mangere - Otahuhu	574	527	578	588	593	599	635	624	663	691	711	684
Maungakiekie - Tamaki	280	295	300	300	309	310	308	299	326	331	348	340

Table 4: Change in public housing demand (increase/decrease in applications) 2017/2018

Local Board	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Mangere - Otahuhu	12	21	-3	-12	17	17	20	41	40	24	19	16
Maungakiekie - Tamaki	-3	4	-2	3	-2	13	-7	10	35	5	16	2

Table 5: Change in public housing demand (increase/decrease in applications) 2018/2019

Local Board	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Mangere - Otahuhu	5	15	-4	13	18	3	6	20	-30	35	-18	22
Maungakiekie - Tamaki	5	13	-14	-14	17	17	11	9	-25	9	11	19

Table 6: Change in public housing demand (increase/decrease in applications) 2019/2020

Local Board	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Mangere - Otahuhu	58	-47	51	10	5	6	36	-11	39	28	20	-27
Maungakiekie - Tamaki	-1	15	5	0	9	1	-2	-9	27	5	17	-8