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Thank you for your email of 20 September 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about additional public housing in Rotorua. I will respond to each part of your request separately.

*Where are all the 210 public homes that have been added? Can you please give the exact number and addresses or locations for each home/development?*

**Table 1 – Rotorua District Public Homes October 2017 – July 2022**

|                             | Number of Public Homes |            | Net change in Public Homes<br>31 Oct 17 – 31 Jul 22 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------|---|
|                             | 31-Oct-17              | 31-Jul-22  |   |
| Kāinga Ora                  | 647                    | 693        | 46  |
| Community Housing Providers | 0                      | 164        | 164   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>647</b>             | <b>857</b> | <b>210</b>  |

The net increase in Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities homes since 2017 is broken down as follows:

| Kāinga Ora                             | 31 October 2017 - 31 July 2022 |
|--|--------------------------------|
| New Build                              | 68                             |
| New Leases                             | 1                              |
| Buy In                                 | 17                             |
| SLEDs (Sale, Lease Expiry, Demolition) | -40                            |
| <b>KO Net Delivered</b>                | <b>46</b>                      |

The 164 Community Housing Provider public homes are for clients being supported by Housing First and Sustaining Tenancies programmes under the Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan. These homes are generally individual properties leased by Community Housing Providers.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Kāinga Ora do not release the addresses of public homes, as their release would be likely to risk identifying tenants and the need to protect their privacy is not outweighed by any public interest in the release of these addresses.

This decision has been upheld by the Ombudsman in previous rulings regarding the release of similar information. Therefore, the addresses are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

*Where are the 300 homes under construction or in the planning stages? Can you please give the exact number and address or locations for each of the homes/developments?*

The addresses of the 300 homes under construction or in the planning stages are withheld under section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons.

The following Kāinga Ora projects are in the evaluation stage of development:

| Pipeline as at 31 July 2022 | Status        | Delivery Method | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Total to 2025/26 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Public                      | In Evaluation | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |               | Redevelopment   | 1       | 130     | 25      | -       | 156              |
| Public Total                |               |                 | 1       | 130     | 25      | -       | 156              |
| Supported                   | In Evaluation | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |               | Redevelopment   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Supported Total             |               |                 | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
| Total                       |               |                 | 1       | 130     | 25      | -       | 156              |

The following Kāinga Ora projects are currently in progress:

| Pipeline as at 31 July 2022 | Status      | Census Area Unit | Delivery Method | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Total to 2025/26 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Public                      | In Progress | Glenholme West   | New Build       | 4       | 6       | -       | -       | 10               |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | 5       | 33      | -       | -       | 38               |
|                             |             | Kawaha Point     | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | 3       | -       | -       | -       | 3                |
|                             |             | Koutu            | New Build       | -       | 30      | -       | -       | 30               |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |             | Pukehangi North  | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | 8       | 37      | -       | -       | 45               |
|                             |             | Western Heights  | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | 10      | 7       | -       | -       | 17               |
|                             |             | Pukehangi South  | New Build       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                |
|                             |             |                  | Redevelopment   | -       | 5       | -       | -       | 5                |
| In Progress Total           |             |                  |                 | 30      | 118     | -       | -       | 148              |
| Public Total                |             |                  |                 | 30      | 118     | -       | -       | 148              |

|                 |                   |             |                         |    |     |    |    |     |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Supported       | In Progress       | Koutu       | New Build Redevelopment | -  | 24  | -  | -  | 24  |
|                 |                   |             |                         | -  | -   | -  | -  | -   |
|                 |                   | Owhata West | New Build Redevelopment | -  | -   | -  | -  | -   |
|                 |                   |             | -                       | -  | 35  | -  | 35 |     |
|                 | In Progress Total |             |                         |    |     |    |    |     |
|                 |                   |             |                         | -  | 24  | 35 | -  | 59  |
| Supported Total |                   |             |                         | -  | 24  | 35 | -  | 59  |
| Total           |                   |             |                         | 30 | 142 | 35 | -  | 207 |

Kāinga Ora continues to work at scale and pace to deliver much needed homes as quickly as possible to meet the urgent demand in Rotorua. Key examples of recently completed homes include six new homes out of a total 37 in the first stage of the development at Ranolf St and Malfroy Rd, and 11 homes at smaller sites across Rotorua including three homes at May Road which recently had a community opening.

Kāinga Ora has over 300 homes either under construction or in the planning stages. Some of the developments underway include six homes at Turner Drive that are just about ready for whānau to move in; 24 apartments at the former language school site on Pukuatua Street (demolition underway); and the remaining 31 homes at Ranolf St and Malfroy Rd, in addition to a planned second stage of another 20 homes at the site.

The Kāinga Ora website also has an overview of recently completed homes, and upcoming developments: [kaingaora.govt.nz/developments-and-programmes/what-were-building/public-housing-developments/bay-of-plenty-region/](https://kaingaora.govt.nz/developments-and-programmes/what-were-building/public-housing-developments/bay-of-plenty-region/).

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 at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](https://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



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