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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to find out how much has MHUD spent on land for housing in each of the Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty, and Rotorua districts in the past three years.

Please provide information to this query under the Official Information Act.

- Please provide a breakdown of each payment; how much each purchase cost, the location of the land and size of it, how many homes are anticipated to be created there, and who it was purchased from, for each of the past three years in each of the districts named above.*
- Please note if there are any caveats or disclaimers associated with any of these purchases.*
- If not already clear, I would appreciate these breakdowns provided for each district, as opposed to all together.*

Please find the information you requested in the table below. I am withholding the purchase price of these sites under 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations.

Territorial Authority	Location	Size (hectares)	Estimated yield (homes)	Vendor	Purchase price (\$ million)	Settlement date
Tauranga City	Tara Road, Papamoa	52.2	400	Waka Kotahi	Withheld under 9(2)(j)	March 2021
Rotorua	31 Ngongotahā Road, Ngongotahā	15.9	350	Private	Withheld under 9(2)(j)	December 2022

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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.

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 be 'M. Fraser', with a small dash at the end.

Matt Fraser
Head of Land Acquisition and Development