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Thank you for your email of 22 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

What trust or entities have applied to your Ministry for funds to assist with steps in the future provision of new papa kainga, public or affordable housing in the Kapiti region? Looking back as far as Jan 2022

Has any entity inquired about applying for or actually applied for funds to assist progression of a housing development in Raumati Road and if so what is the name of this entity/entities? Looking back as far as Jan 2022

If any fund applications been confirmed for builds in Raumati Rd or Paraparaumu in the last year who was the successful applicant and what is the development address/addresses and what number of dwellings is it that the contribution will help to provide?

Do you hold any information indicating that Kapiti Coast District Council or any other Government arm such as NZTA intends contributing or transferring land to facilitate a social housing or papa kainga building development, and if so which address and title does this concern?

In response to the first and last questions in your request, since January 2022 Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has delivered two new builds in the Kāpiti region.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) is supporting one build ready development in the Kāpiti region, but further information regarding this development is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

The Ministry is also supporting two entities in the Kāpiti region on projects to provide public housing. Details of these developments and the support being provided are withheld in full under section 9(2)(j), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

In response to the second and third questions of your request, the Ministry does not hold any information in scope. these parts of your request are refused under section 18(g)(i), that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Minko', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Julia Minko
Manager Ministerial Services