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Thank you for your email of 19 June 2023 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme. I will respond to each part of your request as follows, noting that part three of your request was transferred to Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK):

1. Since October 2021, when the programme opened for applications, can you please provide a breakdown on how the \$730m has been spent? (If the additional \$200m in Budget 2023 has also been allocated can you please also break that down?)

Through Budget 2021, \$380 million was announced to establish the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme, and \$350 million was allocated from the Housing Acceleration Fund to establish the Māori Infrastructure Fund. Together, this \$730 million makes up the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme.

Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga is a four-year Māori housing delivery programme jointly administered by Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) and TPK. Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga has four output targets to meet by end-June 2025:

- \$315 million to deliver1000 homes
- \$35 million to deliver 700 repairs for Māori owned and occupied homes
- \$350 million to enable 2700 infrastructure sites
- \$30 million for building capability.

As of 30 June 2023, the total money contracted or approved towards the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme is \$531.523 million. The breakdown is:

- \$288.009 million for 1018 homes
- \$26.510 million for 483 repairs
- \$200.554 million for 1618 infrastructure sites
- \$16.450 million contracted to build Māori capability

Through Budget 2023, \$200 million was announced to deliver more homes for whānau Māori through programmes such as Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga. The allocation breakdown between agencies is:

- \$150 million to the Ministry (for more housing supply and building capability of the Māori housing provider sector)
- \$50 million to TPK (for more papakāinga homes, repairs, feasibility studies and a replacement pilot).

The Ministry publishes a breakdown of spending on the Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga programme on our website, at www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/maihi-ka-ora-ka-marama/he-kura-te-tangata/.

2. How many of the 1000 homes promised have been fully completed with whānau now living there? Can you please provide a break down of how many houses are in the approval, and under construction phase?

As of 30 June 2023, 63 homes have been completed with a certified code of completion (CCC) and ready for whānau to move in, 1018 homes are in the approval/contracted phase, 521 have relevant consents approved/permitted activity to build and 269 homes are under construction.

4. What is the breakdown of homes that are on general title land versus papakāinga housing on whenua Māori?

Of the 1,018 new homes that have been approved or contracted by Māori entities, iwi and hapū with funding through Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga. Of these:

- 464 are on general title;
- 323 are on whenua Māori; and
- 231 have yet to confirmed.

The unconfirmed 231 homes will be delivered by two housing providers who are both prototyping their own Māori-led housing delivery model in Northland and Napier-Hastings. Part of the prototype includes determining which sites will be developed. This is different from traditional contracting, where site addresses would be known at the time contracts are signed.

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

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