

11 December 2023

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Thank you for your request of 15 November 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), based on the reply of 7 November 2023 to your previous request:

- *“Who is the NZ based supplier responsible for the design, manufacture and shipping of the first 102 modular homes built in China?”*
- *Has the contract been concluded? Is so, could we please have access to it?*
- *Could we please have a list to the New Zealand based suppliers used by KO to acquire the Chinese modular homes?*
- *If KO bought the first batch of modular homes in 2021 (102 modular units), when did the other 157 have been acquired?*
- *Are the 102 units mentioned in (A) are the ones purchased in November 2021? If not, when have them be purchased?*
- *In (B), which other units is KO referring to, and what is the development mentioned?*
- *Could we please have access to the breakdown of the development costs?”*

The following are replies to your questions about offsite manufactured (OSM) homes:

- *Who is the NZ based supplier responsible for the design, manufacture and shipping of the first 102 modular homes built in China?*

Ecotech Commercial Ltd is the New Zealand-based supplier responsible for the module design and manufacture and transport. Ecotech Civil Construction Ltd (ECCL) is the New Zealand-based company responsible for the site design.

- *Has the contract been concluded? Is so, could we please have access to it?*

The contract has not yet been concluded.

- *Could we please have a list to the New Zealand based suppliers used by KO to acquire the Chinese modular homes?*

Ecotech Commercial Ltd and Tawera Group.

- *If KO bought the first batch of modular homes in 2021 (102 modular units), when did the other 157 have been acquired?*

The reply of 7 November 2023 to your request under the Act noted that a total of 249 units were acquired from China (replies to questions 1 and 6).

As noted in question 2 of the 7 November 2023 reply, these units were acquired under a commercial contract agreement with New Zealand-based suppliers, and Kāinga Ora did not purchase these directly from the manufacturer.

The other 147 units were acquired by Tawera Group, which are contracted to deliver completed developments. The developments have yet to be delivered.

- *Are the 102 units mentioned in (A) are the ones purchased in November 2021? If not, when have they be purchased?*

In November 2021 Kāinga Ora signed a commercial contract with a New Zealand based supplier for the design, manufacturer and shipping of 102 modular units (or offsite manufactured or OSM homes) to be manufactured in China. In November 2022 two prototype and 100 modules were delivered to New Zealand. These ranged in size from one to two-bedroom units.

- *In (B), which other units is KO referring to, and what is the development mentioned?*

The units are being developed by Tawera Group in Hamilton and in Montrose Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland.

The Hamilton OSM developments will deliver 76 new homes from March to October 2024 at:

- Aileen Pl, Nawton
- College Place, Chartwell
- Crawshaw Drive, Nawton
- Holland Rd and 6 Davey Place, Fairfield
- Peacockes Road, Peacocke
- Reuben Place, Nawton
- Stokes Crescent, Maeroa.

These locations are listed on our website. [Public housing developments :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities \(kaingaora.govt.nz\)](https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests) provides background information.

- *Could we please have access to the breakdown of the development costs?*

The contracts have yet to be fully concluded, and I am withholding this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to avoid prejudicing the commercial position of the other party. I have considered the public interest in this information and believe that the public interest does not outweigh the need for commercial confidentiality at this time.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely



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