

12 December 2023

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Thank you for your request of 16 October 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*It would be really useful to have the following info on KO investment plans and intentions. I have looked at the published 2024/25 updated Public Housing Plan which does not break out Wairarapa. I am assuming you won't go past June 2025 as there is no Public Housing Plan past then.*

*The cost per m2 build would include everything above ground and connecting into services. Cost per house is all site works and infrastructure.*

New homes are already in construction, close to completion, and some are still in the planning phase with resource consent granted or lodged with the local council, and some of the proposed redevelopments are at the very early stages with no dates yet for when building will start.

As at 31 October 2023, there was a pipeline of 81 public homes either in evaluation or in progress in the Masterton District (57) and the South Wairarapa District (24) Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) for expected delivery up to 30 June 2026.

The number of homes planned to be delivered and other aspects of the development are subject to change.

For more information about our Wairarapa development plans please visit

<https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/urban-development-and-public-housing/public-housing/public-housing-developments/wellington-region/>.

Due to the current stages of the projects, it is not possible to provide a cost per square metre, as the information is not held. Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/>, with your personal information

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Boag".

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