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Thank you for your request of 1 nOctober 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, for the following information:

‘Are you planning to purchase any more properties in Rotorua? Or whether you have a quota of properties, and whether you have met that quota?’

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. I can advise that Kāinga Ora has plans to build or begin building a further 514 public houses in the Rotorua Territorial Local Authority by June 30 2026. We will also purchase existing properties as needed, where appropriate homes become available for sale.

As at September 2023, there are 893 individuals and whānau on the public housing register requiring housing in the Rotorua area. There are plans to purchase and deliver more homes in Rotorua and the wider Bay of Plenty region, as set out on the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development’s website at <https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Public-Housing/Updated-Public-Housing-Plan-Including-2024-2025-delivery.pdf>. The Bay of Plenty region has a delivery target to increase its public housing stock by 613 additional homes by mid-2025 to better meet public housing demand.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our 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 removed.

Yours sincerely

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