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Tēnā koe Aaron

I refer to your official information request dated 08/09/2020 relating to Council using rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties.

Request detail	Our Response
In the past five years, how many times has the Council used their rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties?	Nil
In the past five years, how many times has the Council exercised its powers to issue a repair or closure notice to landlords whose properties do not meet the Housing Improvement Regulations?	Nil
How do you identify which rental housing properties to inspect under the Public Health Act?	We have not used the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties.
What is the process for tenants to request the Council inspect their rental housing property under the Public Health Act and provide a written report on its condition?	This is a civil matter between tenants and landlords which can be resolved through Tenancy Tribunal, Council has no role to play.
What information is available on your website or in your publications on rental housing inspections provided by the Council?	Council does not use the Public Health Act to inspect our rental housing, therefore no information is on our website.
What is your process for engaging with the Tenancy Tribunal to provide reports on the rental housing inspections you conduct?	Council does not use the Public Health Act of inspect our rental housing, therefore we don't provide reports to the Tenancy Tribunal.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us on lgoima@wairoadc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely
LGOIMA Administrator