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Dear Mr Lavery

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2014 requesting information about Housing New Zealand properties in Porirua under the Official Information Act 1982.

I have considered your request under the Act, and a response to each of your questions is provided below.

1. How many three-bedroom Housing New Zealand Corporation properties were available for tenancy within the Porirua region between the 1st of February 2014 and the 31st of May 2014.
There were 1,596 three-bedroom Housing New Zealand properties available during this period.

2. How many four-bedroom Housing New Zealand Corporation properties were available for tenancy within the Porirua region between the 1st of February 2014 and the 31st of May 2014?
There were 318 four-bedroom Housing New Zealand properties available during this period.

3. How many five-bedroom Housing New Zealand Corporation properties were available for tenancy within the Porirua region between the 1st of February 2014 and the 31st of May 2014?
There were 55 five-bedroom Housing New Zealand properties available during this period.

4. In the Porirua region how many privately owned properties do the Housing New Zealand Corporation lease? Please provide a breakdown by bedroom.

As at 31 May 2014, Housing New Zealand leased 15 two-bedroom properties, 4 three-bedroom properties, and 1 four-bedroom property in Porirua.

5. What is the total number of three-bedroom properties owned by Housing New Zealand Corporation in the Porirua region?

As at 31 May 2014, Housing New Zealand managed 1,677 three-bedroom properties in Porirua.

6. What is the total number of four-bedroom properties owned by Housing New Zealand Corporation in the Porirua region?

As at 31 May 2014, Housing New Zealand managed 322 four-bedroom properties in Porirua.

7. What is the total number of five-bedroom properties owned by Housing New Zealand Corporation in the Porirua region?

As at 31 May 2014, Housing New Zealand managed 56 five-bedroom properties in Porirua.

8. In the Porirua region how many Housing New Zealand Corporation properties have been privately bought since the commencement of selling surplus vacant Housing New Zealand Corporation properties.

Housing New Zealand has always sold properties that are not needed. However, I can tell you that in the 2013/2014 financial year to date, 5 Porirua properties have been sold to private buyers. If there are specific years you require the sales figures for, please let us know and we will endeavour to provide this.

9. Does Housing New Zealand Corporation have a Memorandum of Understanding with Ngati Toa Rangatira?

Housing New Zealand does not have a Memorandum of Understanding in place with Ngati Toa Rangatira.

10. If Housing New Zealand Corporation does have a Memorandum of Understand with Ngati Toa Rangatira, when was it signed and could Housing New Zealand Corporation furnish a copy of this agreement to any member of Ngati Toa Rangatira upon request?

Please refer to the answer to question 9 above.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Girvan', is written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

Sharon Girvan
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