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Dear Matthew

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 18 July 2023, for the following information:

*“What savings, if any, have been estimated due to the NPS-UD? Is there a figure that relates to Wellington in particular?
How many extra homes do you think it will enable you to build nationally and within Wellington in the first five years after full passage into local law if fully complied with?”*

On 20 July 2023, Kāinga Ora advised it had transferred the first part of your request to the Ministry for the Environment under section 14 of the Act, as it was more closely connected with its functions.

Information for the second part of the request is not held by Kāinga Ora. Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

By way of context, most Territorial Local Authority (TLA) processes to implement the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) into district plans are not yet complete - so the final provisions for each city/district council are not known or able to be predicted.

Each council is also proposing to implement the requirements of the NPS-UD differently and many/most matters are location specific in their application. Therefore, each district plan will be different in how it will ultimately implement the NPS-UD. Forecasting across TLAs, including for Wellington, and what it means for Kāinga Ora is not possible at this time.

It is also worth noting that once changes stemming from the NPS-UD are implemented nationwide, there would be a lag in the direct impact to the Kāinga Ora build programme – as homes planned for construction, or in construction, prior to these changes being adopted/implemented would be built in accordance with the planning rules under which they were approved.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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