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Dear Rex

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many houses have been built in Auckland in the last two years? Social, private, government...

As noted in the email to you on 23 December 2016, I am responding to the part of your request that relates to the number of private dwellings built; the remaining parts of your request have been transferred to Hon Amy Adams, Minister for Social Housing, for response.

I do not hold information on the exact number of private houses built in Auckland in the last two years.

Statistics New Zealand publishes the number of building consents issued for all dwellings (i.e. social, public and privately constructed) in Auckland, which once adjusted to reflect the time required to build the homes, correlates very highly with the number of homes actually constructed. For example, if you compare the number of consents that were issued between the last two censuses and the census data on the number of new houses that are completed, they are within 1 percent.

Between 1 December 2014 and 30 November 2016, 19,071 building consents were issued in Auckland. You can find more information on its Infoshare website (<http://www.stats.govt.nz/infoshare/>). You may also wish to contact the Auckland Council to see what information it holds information on completed private dwellings.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith
Minister for Building and Construction