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Dear Chelsea

Thank you for your emails of 27 February 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many private houses have been built in Wairarapa over the past five years? Can I please have the yearly totals.

How many houses were built in Wairarapa over the past 5 years? I would like yearly totals, and if possible a break down of the yearly totals showing how many were state houses, how many were private houses and how many were commercial buildings.

I do not hold information on the exact number of houses built in Wairarapa in the last five years.

Statistics New Zealand publishes the number of building consents issued for all dwellings (i.e. social, public and privately constructed). Building consents are an indicator of future building activity, and almost all consented work is eventually completed. You can find more information on its Infoshare website (<http://www.stats.govt.nz/infoshare/>).

You may also wish to contact the local councils to see what information they hold on completed dwellings.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith

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