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Dear Damian

Thank you for your email of 12 May 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“With respect to Kiwibuild can you please advise on the following;

- 1. How many kiwibuild properties are due for occupation before Dec 2018?*
- 2. How many new kiwibuild properties have been designed and or consented since November 2017?*
- 3. How many and who are the consultants engaged to assist with Kiwi build?”*

In response to part one of your request, I recently announced the first KiwiBuild homes are now under construction in Papakura with a total of 18 houses completed for occupation by December 2018.

With regard to the second part of your request, I do not hold information on the intentions or designs held by private developers. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is working with developers and other departments to supply KiwiBuild dwellings on behalf of the government. However, local councils may be able to provide information on the number houses fully consented.

I have interpreted the third part of your request as meaning employees in the KiwiBuild Unit. I can inform you that four consultants or contractors are working within the KiwiBuild Unit. The individual names are being withheld to protect their privacy. This number may fluctuate as the permanent team is being established.

The Government is currently working to establish the finer details of the KiwiBuild programme, including the procurement process. Building houses can take time and the programme aims to build up the delivery of houses over time. The invitation to participate for developers through the ‘Buying off the Plans’ channel is now open through the Government Electronic Tenders Service.

Further information on the KiwiBuild programme, including progress updates and current projects, can be found on the KiwiBuild website www.kiwibuild.govt.nz.

I trust you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 802.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Phil Twyford', followed by a vertical line.

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Housing and Urban Development