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## **Dear Matthew**

I refer to your email of 28 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. "How many KiwiBuild houses are available to be inhabited as at 9am Monday 29 October 2018 (NZT), excluding those that might be available under the "buy off the plans" scheme?
- 2. How many KiwiBuild houses are available to be inhabited as at Monday 29 October 2018 (NZT) that have been purchased under the "buying off the plans" scheme?
- 3. As at 9am Monday 29 October 2018 (NZT), how many people have indicated their interest to go into the lottery for a KiwiBuild house?"

On 29 October 2018, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for response.

As at 9am, Monday 29 October 2018, 18 houses were available to be inhabited at the McLennan development in Papakura. In addition to the built houses, a further 32 properties have been sold off the plans. In these situations, developers offer buyers the opportunity to buy the property before it is built. The time between the sale and construction finishing varies. As these sales under the Buying off the Plans scheme have only recently been completed, these houses are not available for habitation.

Please note, the person must be pre-qualified to enter the ballot process, it is not a lottery.

KiwiBuild has an expressions of interest website. This provides people with information on forthcoming developments, and useful information. At this time, there are 45,042 people registered.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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**KiwiBuild** 

**Housing and Urban Development**