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Dear Susie

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. How many houses were purchased as part of the Waterview Project and when?

Inclusive of home units, 208 houses were purchased for the Waterview Project in the period early 2003 until mid 2013.

2. What was the value (capital value and purchase price) of each of these homes when were they bought and what are the addresses for each of the properties?

The Public Works Act 1981 requires that the Transport Agency buys property at the current market value pertaining at the time of purchase. Those purchases were spread over the last ten years. The total purchase price for the 208 residential properties was \$87,583,000 inclusive of GST. They were located in Alford Street, Barrymore Road, Blockhouse Bay Road, Cowley Street, Craddock Street, Ennismore Road, Great North Road, Harbutt Avenue, Harlston Road, Hendon Avenue, Herdman Street, New North Road, Methuen Road, Oakley Avenue, Phyllis Street, Waterbank Crescent and Waterview Downs. The majority of these properties are now part of the motorway construction works zone, or held for replacement public open space.

You can find capital values of properties on the Auckland Council website at:

www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Information about concluded property sales is or will soon be available via QV at:

www.qv.co.nz

As capital values and purchase prices are publicly available, section 18(d) applies.

3. How many of those homes have now been demolished?

Ninety-one were demolished, 13 were relocated and 8 are being provided to the Auckland Council to satisfy conditions of consent for the project.

4. How many of the properties are surplus to requirements and have been sold?

Ninety-six properties are surplus to requirements. As at 20 November 2013, 57 properties have been sold with a balance of 39 still to be sold. There was a significant change in scope following the decision to proceed with the tunnels and this is why several are now surplus to requirements.

5. How many properties are surplus to government requirements and are being sold?

See 4 above.

5. How many properties are surplus to requirements and will be sold?

See 4 above.

6. What is the value (capital value and sale price) of each of the properties that have been sold and what are the addresses for each of the properties?

The 57 properties sold to date are set out below. Capital values and the sale prices are publicly available as set out in the response to Question 2 above. The 57 properties sold to date cost in total \$26,040,000 and have been sold for a total of \$26,452,000. In respect of these figures, GST can be an occasional factor depending on whether the buyer or vendor is GST registered. As I stated in response to Question 2, we are required by the law to buy and sell at current market rates.

Hendon Avenue (nos 30, 26A, 22, 20, 18, 16, 6, 4, 2, 2A, 35, 27, 21, 15, 15A, 9A, 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 5, 3)
New North Road (nos 1136, 1145A, 1145B, 1145C, 1149, 1151, 1157, 1157A, 1/1180)
Harlston Road (nos 51, 53)
Ennismore Road (nos 1, 14, 15, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 23B, 25, 27)
Great North Road (nos 1/1602, 1602, 1610, 1592, 1598, 1598B, 1574, 1/1564, 1554, 1556)
Waterview Downs (nos 3, 4, 6)
Harbutt Avenue (no 40)
Phyllis Avenue (no 4)

7. What is the value of each of the properties (capital value and expected sale price) that are being sold and what are the addresses for each of the properties?

The current value of the 39 properties still to be sold will be determined closer to disposal date. The Transport Agency leases the houses in the meanwhile and will not publicise those properties until the tenants have been notified to vacate. In the meanwhile, the tenanted addresses are withheld under section 9(2)(a) on the basis that the addresses are private information to protect their rights to quiet enjoyment.

8. What is the value of each of the properties (capital value and expected sale price) that will be sold and what are the addresses for each of the properties?

See 7 above.

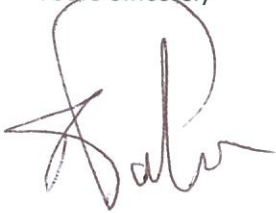
With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Ewart Barnsley, Auckland Media Manager, by email to Ewart.Barnsley@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (09) 928 8720.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tommy Parker', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

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