

Reference: 20200073

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 7 February 2020. You requested:

"I would like to know whether Treasury in the last 3 years proposed any larger housing developments (more than 1'000 houses) to any other agency and how those other agencies responded?"

Please find a reply to your question below.

The Treasury is the lead economic and financial adviser to the Government and steward of the public sector financial management and regulatory systems. This includes engagement with agencies and advice to Ministers on housing developments, which are usually proposed to Ministers or Cabinet by the respective agency, such as a public service department or a Crown Entity.

In some cases, the Government may choose to task a team inside the Treasury to establish a programme or run it until it is fully established. An example for this was the Treasury Transactions Unit, which was tasked to identify and administer transfers of social housing as a part of the Social Housing Reform Programme (SHRP).

In this context, you might be interested in the Porirua East development:

The Treasury Transactions Unit identified the redevelopment opportunity in Porirua East, which included the potential to build over 1,000 new homes in the community. Subsequently, the Treasury developed a Cabinet paper on the redevelopment of Porirua East, which led to a Cabinet decision to agree and direct the project to Housing New Zealand (now Kāinga Ora) to implement it.

The Treasury was involved in the iwi negotiations and developed the Eastern Porirua Community Regeneration business case, in consultation with other agencies and local government. The project and all related information is now administered by Kāinga Ora.

The development has its own website: <https://poriruadevelopment.co.nz/>

Please also see Kāinga Ora's website for further information that has been released about the development: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/search/SearchForm?Search=Porirua>

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested, I trust that this information is helpful. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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