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Dear Catherine

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- '1. How many residential properties does NZTA own on land designated for roading projects – or to be used for roading projects in the future? Please disclose by region.
2. How many of these properties have been inspected for earthquakes?
3. How many of these properties have been deemed to be earthquake prone and don't meet the minimum requirements?
- 3a. How many of these properties are vacant?
- 3b How many are tenanted?
4. How many of these properties does NZTA expect to upgrade to meet the cost of the government's new Residential Rental Insulation requirements?
- 4b. What is the budgeted cost of these upgrades?
5. How much income has NZTA received for the past five years from properties acquired for roading projects – or to be used for roading projects in the future?
6. How many of these houses are expected to be demolished/removed for expected roading projects in the future?'

1. The number of residential properties owned by NZ Transport Agency by region:

NZTA Region	Number of residential properties
Northland	22
Auckland	87
Waikato	52
Bay of Plenty	47
Hawkes Bay	4
Wellington	77
Marlborough	1
Nelson	8
Tasman	3
Canterbury	35
Otago	3

2. Seismic assessments are undertaken for buildings that fall within the scope of the earthquake-prone provisions of the Building Act 2004. That is, commercial buildings and residential buildings that are of two or more storeys and contain three or more household units.

The Transport Agency currently owns two residential properties that fit this description and seismic assessments have been completed for both of these properties.

3. The two residential properties that have had seismic assessments undertaken were found to be below minimum earthquake standards.
  - 3a The two properties referred to above are vacant.
  - 3b The two properties referred to above are not tenanted.
4. The Transport Agency is aware of and has planned for the requirements of the government's new residential rental insulation requirements. Residential properties that the Transport Agency expects to remove or demolish for future roading projects are not intended to be upgraded. Decisions regarding upgrading the balance of the residential properties are made by the Transport Agency regional teams at the appropriate time.
  - 4b. The Transport Agency has budgeted \$4,400 per single storey dwelling for the new residential rental insulation requirements.
5. The total income the Transport Agency has received from residential properties over the past five years is \$39,868,245.50. This amount is broken down by financial year is as follows:

Year	Income (\$)
2010/11	8,864,032.71
2011/12	9,996,581.32
2012/13	8,663,806.91
2013/14	6,067,980.56
2014/15	6,275,844.00

6. The table below breaks down the number of properties expected to be demolished/removed, and also provides the numbers to be retained or 'unknown' for expected roading projects in the future. The properties where it is 'unknown' if the improvements will be retained or removed rely on a decision yet to be made about the road alignment.

Removed	79
Retained	85
Unknown	175

If you wish to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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