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Tēnā koe Barry

Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 10 November 2023, which you made through the [www.fyi.org.nz](http://www.fyi.org.nz) website. You requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*My question is valid and I am concerned you dont wish to answer it.*

*As you are well aware, Giles Tait registered his conflict of interest on the 7th August; after being questioned by us. The 7th August was also the date that parliamentary questions were asked*

*([https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.parliament.nz%2Fen%2Fpb%2Forder-paper-questions%2Fwritten-questions%2Fdocument%2FWQ\\_23323\\_2023%2F23323-2023-brooke-van-velden-to-the-minister-of-housing&data=05%7C01%7Cgrulog%40hnzc.co.nz%7C7be4716eea1f4cf2b98908dbe4a1b8a8%7C317e9866b1a04fc08dd8373f03f571bd%7C0%7C0%7C638355155461698394%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s4kB2m3lyFpQV0wy0hjDUF3qO02jLd0m6imYNrwQRDY%3D&reserved=0](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.parliament.nz%2Fen%2Fpb%2Forder-paper-questions%2Fwritten-questions%2Fdocument%2FWQ_23323_2023%2F23323-2023-brooke-van-velden-to-the-minister-of-housing&data=05%7C01%7Cgrulog%40hnzc.co.nz%7C7be4716eea1f4cf2b98908dbe4a1b8a8%7C317e9866b1a04fc08dd8373f03f571bd%7C0%7C0%7C638355155461698394%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s4kB2m3lyFpQV0wy0hjDUF3qO02jLd0m6imYNrwQRDY%3D&reserved=0))*

*The excuse that it was made on such date was that it was done because of the annual audit.*

*The annual audit for the previous two years was done in June, not August.*

*Emails released under OIA gave reference that the audit had not yet started when Giles completed the COI on 7th August.*

*My question still stands and is a valid request. To assist your team, I am happy to reduce my requirement to the first 10 days of Augusts, daily stats of COI's.*

The table below sets out the Conflict of Interest declarations made by Kāinga Ora employees during the first eleven days of August 2023. This table includes all declarations made, whether they be actual, perceived or potential. It also includes those who record "I have nothing to declare", and instances where a declaration was made, but it was later determined that there was no conflict.

As previously advised, there is no specific month in which Kāinga Ora carries out an audit or is required to do so. Kāinga Ora does run an annual Public Service and Integrity week in which our people receive awareness training and are encouraged to make a Conflict of Interest declaration. This results in an increase in submissions at that time of year.

You have asked for the first 10 days of August. We have included an additional day in the table, which completes the full Public Service and Integrity week that took place from 7 to 11 August 2023.

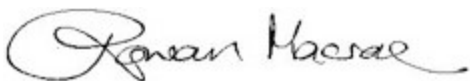
**Table: Declarations made by Kāinga Ora staff  
1-11 August 2023**

<b>Declaration Date</b>	<b>Number of Declarations Made</b>
1/08/2023	42
2/08/2023	14
3/08/2023	30
4/08/2023	34
7/08/2023	322
8/08/2023	230
9/08/2023	162
10/08/2023	152
11/08/2023	188

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/>, with your personal information removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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