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Dear Ms Boyle

Thank you for your email dated 27 February 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*"How many state houses have been built in Wairarapa over the past five years?  
Can I please have the yearly totals."*

I have been advised that in the last five years, Housing New Zealand has not built properties in the Wairarapa region, which consists of Carterton, South Wairarapa and Masterton Territorial Local Authorities.

In December 1998, most of Housing New Zealand's properties in the Wairarapa region were sold to Trust House Limited. In 2014 Trust House Limited became a Community Housing Provider (CHP) and was able to access the Income Related Rent Subsidy for new tenancies. This allowed people in the area who are eligible for social housing to receive the same benefits as people living in Housing New Zealand homes.

If you would like more information about Housing New Zealand's managed properties in the Wairarapa region, you can visit Housing New Zealand's website at <http://hnzc.co.nz/publications/housing-statistics/>.

I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely

Hon Alfred Ngaro  
**Associate Minister for Social Housing**