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Tēnā koe Benn,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 25 August 2026, seeking the number of houses sold by Council under Section 77 of the Local Government (Ratings) Act, between 2016 and 2026. Specifically, you requested:

By way of background, we ran a story about a council on our patch that put a number of properties up for sale, using powers under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, mostly over issues of non rates payment: <https://www.waikatotimes.co.nz/nz-news/361063766/last-resort-property-sales-over-rates-non-payments-waitomo-district>

This got us wondering how many sales of this sort are happening across New Zealand? So to answer that, we wanted to ask, under the OIA:

For each year from 2016 to 2026 to date, can you tell me how many houses the council has sold under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002?

Answer:

Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 applies specifically to the sale or lease of abandoned land.

Hutt City Council has not sold any land under these provisions from 2016 to 2026 to date. Therefore, the number of properties sold in each year requested is zero.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases - Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Izla Corby". The script is cursive and fluid.

Izla Corby

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