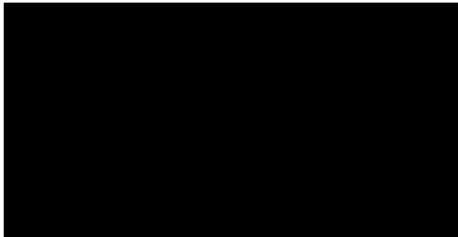


5 September 2019



Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 5803231

I refer to your information request we received on 3 September 2019 regarding the standard of insulation in the Council's older persons' housing units.

Council response regarding your request

The information you have requested is below.

- 1. How many of Kāpiti's 118 older person housing units currently meet the new minimum insulation standards of 1 July 2019?*

All 118 older persons' housing units meet the current minimum insulation standards. All units have a minimum of RV2.8 ceiling insulation and underfloor insulation of RV1.5 where practicable. The current standards require a minimum of RV1.9 in the ceiling and RV0.9 underfloor.

In 2010, all units were fully insulated to a level exceeding requirements for compliance with legislation at the time. This installation was in addition to any existing insulation which was variable across the portfolio prior to 2010.

Furthermore, units that undergo full interior refurbishment as part of the renewal programme are insulated to new standards where practicably possible i.e. exposed ceiling cavities are insulated to latest building requirement standards, and any walls that become accessible through the renewal process are insulated i.e. where wall linings are removed or the unit is reconfigured.

- 2. Over what time frame does Council plan to bring the older person housing stock up to being compliant with the new minimum standards?*

As a Community Housing provider, the date that Council is required to comply with the new RV 2.9 minimum is 1 July 2023. We will be putting together a Healthy Homes programme (and budgeting) to meet (or exceed) the RV2.9 minimum insulation compliance deadline of 1

July 2023. This programme may also include other Healthy Homes standards such as installation of extraction units in bathrooms and kitchens.

3. *What is the estimated cost of bringing all 118 units up to the minimum standard?*

As stated in question 1, all units already meet the current minimum standard. We have not yet completed a cost estimation of the work required to meet the new RV 2.9 minimum in 2023.

Ngā mihi



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