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Thank you for your email dated 16 February 2017 to **Senior Tenancy Manager,** Gisborne, seeking clarification of a table showing information on Housing New Zealand properties in Gisborne. You ask about the vacant properties in Gisborne in the "other" category and the reason why so many properties were being sold when there were 88 people/whanau on the Gisborne social housing register waiting list. forwarded to email to the Housing New Zealand Government Relations team to respond directly.

Housing New Zealand closely monitors and responds to increases in demand in areas such as Gisborne. Where demand increases in areas where it has houses pending sale, Housing New Zealand will consider returning these properties to the letting pool, if practical.

Seventeen of the 26 vacant properties that were shown as "pending sale" at 30 September 2016 have since been returned to the letting pool. This has been in response to an increase in demand for social housing in Gisborne. The remaining nine may be returned to the letting pool if there is an established demand, and if they are suitable to meet that demand.

The 10 vacant properties in the other category consist of one unit that is uneconomic to repair and will be demolished, and nine properties that were undergoing major repairs or upgrades.

Thank you again for writing. I trust this information is useful.

Yours sincerely