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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-299

I refer to your information request we received on 20 June 2022 for the following:

- 1. What is the total number of building consent applications you have received in the last three years, displayed in a table as a monthly and annual figure?***

Below is the information for calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Please note this table shows the number of building consent applications we processed for a particular month and year.

This table also includes amendments to a consent as there is a requirement under the Building Act 2004 for an amendment to a consent to be treated as if it is a new application.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	152	146	168	138	135	161	183	192	223	177	203	188	2066
2021	135	183	277	228	249	248	218	213	209	185	255	238	2638
2022	187	214	244	159	247	211							1262

- 2. Of these received building consent applications how many underwent the “request for information (RFI) process” outlined in regulation 7(2)(d)(iv) of the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006, displayed in a table as a monthly and annual figure?***

The attached table shows the number of building consent applications processed in a particular month and corresponding year that had an RFI issued.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	117	106	116	97	94	119	117	152	174	147	161	162	1562
2021	125	141	193	159	182	176	175	172	168	152	189	188	2020
2022	154	170	169	100	154	122							869

- 3. Of the building consent applications received that underwent the “request for information (RFI) process,” how many days after applications were received did it take for RFI’s to be made, displayed as a table of annual figures?***

Council does not hold this information in a form that can be easily reported meaning a council officer would need to look at each building consent to answer this question.

On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Consideration was given to whether your request could be further refined, or whether we would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information. I have concluded that in either case, the Council's ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted. Section 17(f) of the LGOIMA refers.

While the council is unable to provide the material for question 3, officers have advised that most RFI requests were answered within two weeks of the request being made.

The average processing time to grant building consents for years 2020, 2021 and 2022 was 10-12 working days.

I hope I have answered your request, otherwise you are welcome to contact Building Team Manager Steve Cody if you have any further questions. steve.cody@kapiticoast.govt.nz

You also have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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