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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 8168518 (OIR: 2021-221)

I refer to your information request we received on 26 March 2021 for the following:

For the purposes of providing information to meet this request, the expression “pool inspection” means any inspection, audit or other review of a residential swimming pool that would meet the statutory obligations required of Council under the legislation that came into effect from January 2017.

In order to respond to your questions **1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 11**, and provide you with this information Council staff would have to spend a substantial amount of time assessing records. I am therefore unable to provide this information as it is not held in a manner that would allow this information to be easily calculated.

Consideration had been given to whether your request could be further refined. However, in this situation we do not consider this would be possible. I have considered whether we would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Council’s ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted.

As such I refuse your request under Section 17(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

- 1. *The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries as at 1st January 2014.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

- 2. *The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries as at 1st January 2017.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

- 3. *The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries as at 1st January 2020.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

4. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that had a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2016.***

There were 822 based on the criteria you provided.

5. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that did not have a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2016.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

6. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that failed a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2016.***

There were 375 based on the criteria you provided.

7. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that had a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2019.***

There were 1011 based on the criteria you provided.

8. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that did not have a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2019.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

9. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that failed a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2019.***

There were 386 based on the criteria you provided.

10. ***The number of residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that failed a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2019 that had passed the most recent previous pool inspection conducted prior to 2017.***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

11. ***For the residential swimming pools within Council boundaries that failed a pool inspection conducted on them between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2019 that had passed a previous pool inspection conducted before 2017, provide the following additional information:***

- a) ***Number that had made consented changes to the circumstances of the pool;***
- b) ***Number that had made unconsented changes to the circumstances of the pool;***
- c) ***Number that had no changes to the circumstances of the pool;***

Please refer to the information at the beginning of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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James Jefferson
Group Manager Regulatory Services
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Whakaritenga