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

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2022 requesting the following information:

I am just seeking to get a general idea and I am happy to be provided with relatively high level stats back as long as they address the questions.

1. In relation to the number of Resource Consents the council receive each month how many of many applications receive a formal request for further information?

In the past 6 months we issued a total of 184 Consents and 112 Consents included a request for further information.

a) This relates to an initial formal request

The search information is based on applications where the clock was stopped for further information.

b) Would be helpful to understand the last 3-6 months

The search includes the statistics for the past 6 months.

c) We would be interested to see how many further requests too if this data is easily available

This information is not held on record. On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

2. What is the average time between issuing an RFI and receiving the response in full?

The average time is 68 days to receive the full response.

3. *If you can provide any further information around topics of RFI's that would also be interesting – would also be interested if you have any data which would be comparable to say 12 months ago?*

Most RFIs are for incomplete applications or applications that are missing information including:

- Assessment of objectives and policies of the District Plan
- Non-compliances to the rules and standards
- Geotechnical and engineering reports
- Hydraulic neutrality
- Displacement effects
- Iwi and external consultations (e.g. Greater Wellington).

This data correlates with information required in RFIs from 12 months ago.

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.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Jefferson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Jefferson

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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Whakaritenga