

19 July 2022

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Building Consent Applications

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 20 June 2022. You requested the following information:

- 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?
- 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?
- 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?

Please find attached to this response a spreadsheet providing information requested for questions one and two.

Question 2

Please note, we are not able to isolate only the Building Consents received in a particular month to show if it has gone through the RFI process. Similarly to question 3 below, we would be able to do this manually, however Council officers have estimated this could take an additional minute per consent which would equate to approximately 122 hours.

We are able to report on the number of consents that have gone through the RFI process in a particular month - however that report shows all Building Consents that had a RFI request. These could have been from Building consents received in previous months.

Question Three

I have assessed your question and as it stands your request would take considerable time for officers to search and collate the information. The data we hold is not detailed enough to confirm this time frame and would require Council officers to manually check each individual building consent application to calculate the number of days after applications were received for RFI’s to be made.

Council officers have confirmed it would take approximately 3minutes per application to gather this data, and at this stage the time to gather the information you have requested could take approximately 300 hours (based on approximately 6000 building consent applications).

Without refining your request, the Council would either consider refusing your request under section 17(f) of the act due to substantial manual collation or research or we may consider charging for the request. Should the Council consider charging for your request, the first 4 hours of work will be free then it will be \$38 per half hour thereafter.

However, we can provide you with the average days to process the consents, from the time the consent was accepted to granted, at no charge. If you would like this information, please don't hesitate to let me know and I can pass this on to you.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Ollie Marchant
Official Information

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?

Building Consents Accepted													
Financial Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
2019-20	240	243	231	219	273	190	162	159	183	126	170	227	2423
2020-21	260	209	252	208	247	210	147	174	220	228	195	218	2568
2021-22	230	210	219	193	231	228	138	174	220	161	193	181	2378

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

RFIs Sent													
Financial Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
FY19/20	109	293	339	287	352	279	156	273	265	201	322	303	3179
FY20/21	370	312	322	324	342	308	271	312	409	360	245	216	3791
FY21/22	210	221	204	217	252	195	177	208	274	191	216	167	2532