

18 May 2022



Dear

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-27

Thank you for your email of 20 April 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"...For the financial year ending 2020/21:

- 1) How many building consents applications did you receive?*
- 2) How many building consents did you issue?*
- 3) What was the average building consent timeframes (in days) from the day of application to when consents were issued?*
- 4) How many building consents were issued within the 20 working day timeframe?*
- 5) How many building consents where not issued within the 20 working day timeframe?*
- 6) What were your shortest and longest consent times?*

For the financial year ending 2019/20:

- 7) How many building consents applications did you receive?*
- 8) How many building consents did you issue?*
- 9) What was the average building consent timeframes (in days) from the day of application to when consent was issued?*
- 10) How many building consents were issued within the 20 working day timeframe?*
- 11) How many building consents where not issued within the 20 working day timeframe?*
- 12) What were your shortest and longest consent times?*

General questions:

- 13) How many people do you have employed that process building consent applications?*
- 14) What is the 100% salary pay band for an officer that processes building consents at your council?*
- 15) Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks are required?*

- 16) *Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks do not require a human to assess this because it is automated?*
- 17) *Can you submit building consent drawings via your website?*
- 18) *Does your Council gather formal feedback from building consent applicants through a survey? if so, please send a copy of the results.*
- 19) *In the financial period 2020/21, what was the economic value of the construction industry in your territorial authority?"*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to your request is in the number order of your request below.

In response to **questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5**, all information that relates the financial year ending 2020/21 for the building consents, building timeframes and applications are all available in the 2020/21 Annual Plan is publicly available here: [CDC-Annual-Report-2021-PUBLISHED-14-Dec.pdf](#), refer to page 21.

I am refusing questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of your requests under section 17(d) of the Act for the reason that the all the information you requested that relates to the financial year ending 2020/21 is publicly available.

Question 6

The shortest number of days for building consent for last year was 1, and the longest was 47.

In response to **questions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11**, all information that relates to the financial year ending 2019/20 for the building consents, building timeframes and applications are all available in the Annual Plan which is publicly available and can be found here: <https://cdc.govt.nz/your-council/publications/>, refer to page 16.

I am refusing questions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of your requests under section 17(d) of the Act for the reason that all the information that relates to the financial year ending 2019/20 for the building consents, building timeframes and applications you requested is publicly available.

Question 12

The shortest consent time is 1 day, and the longest is 47 days.

Question 13

We have three people employed that process building consent applications.

Question 14

The Council use the Strategic Pay to benchmark our salary bands which is currently \$76,995 for Building Control Officers.

Question 15

On average there are two assessment checks required for the building consent process.

Question 16

There are none that do not require human assessment.

Question 17

Yes, the building consent drawings can be submitted to the Council. For additional information, our website provides our building consents email address, which can be found here:

<https://cdc.govt.nz/services/building/need-building-consents/>

Question 18

The Council does not conduct any building consent survey for feedback.

Question 19

I am unclear as to the information you are seeking about the economic value of the construction industry for the financial period 2020/21. The 2020/21 Annual Plan report provided in my first response above may provide some answers to your question. If not, you are welcome to email the Council with further questions to: lgoima@cdc.govt.nz.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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