

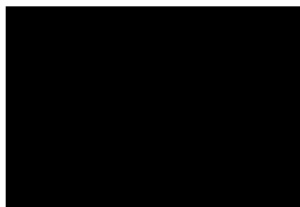


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Dear [REDACTED]

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN REGARD TO BUILDING
CONSENT PROCESSING AND ASSOCIATED STATUTORY TIMEFRAME COMPLIANCE**

I refer to your official information request dated 20TH April for Building Consent information.

The information you requested is enclosed.

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

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the manager of the
building department at Nelson City Council, Mark Hunter.

Yours sincerely

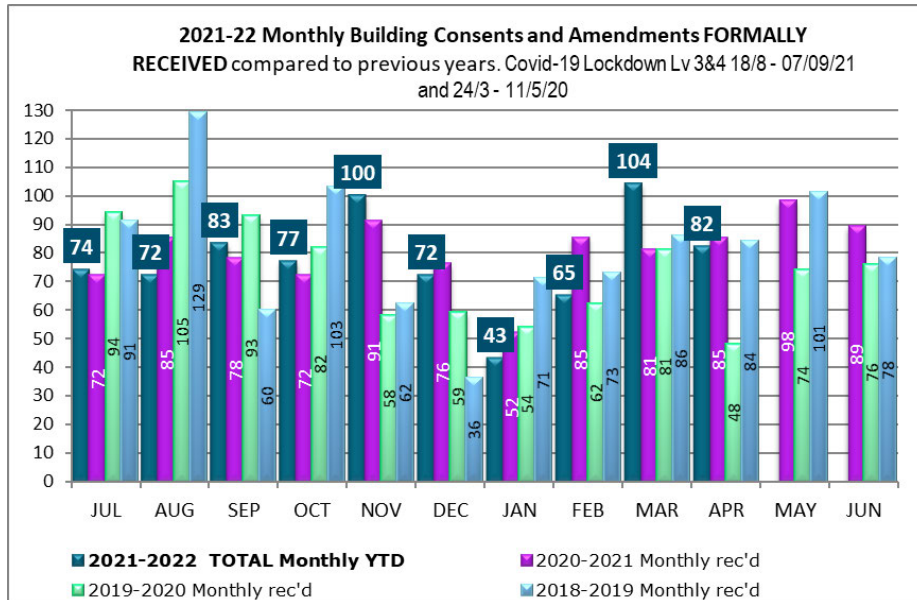
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Manager Building

Attached; Word document with all identified questions answered.

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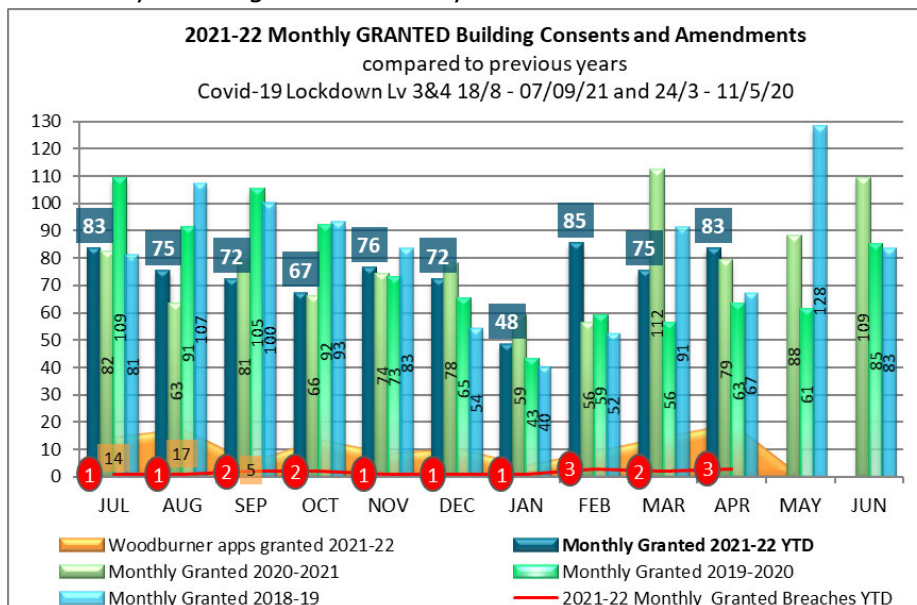
LGOIMA request re building consent information, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
2019/20, 2020/21 information

1. How many building consent applications did you receive?



2019/20 – 903 consent/amendment applications
2020/21 – 964 consent/amendment applications

2. How many building consents did you issue?



We keep records to granting and not to the issue of the consent

2019/20 – 902 building consents granted
2020/21 – 947 building consents granted

3. What was the average building consent timeframes (in days) from the day of application to when consents were issued?

Average Processing Days	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Jul 2021-Jun 2022	12	14	15	13	15	15	14	15	15	14		
Jul 2020-Jun 2021	13	12	14	14	15	15	12	13	15	14	14	14
Jul 2019-Jun 2020	17	14	13	13	15	11	9	12	14	15	13	13

2019/20 – 13.25 processing days on average

2020/21 - 13.75 processing days on average

4. How many building consents were issued within the 20-working day timeframe?

2019/20 – 862 consents issued within 20 day statutory timeframe

2020/21 – 937 consents issued within 20 day statutory timeframe

5. How many building consents where not issued within the 20-working day timeframe?

2019/20 – 40 Breaches of the 20 day timeframe

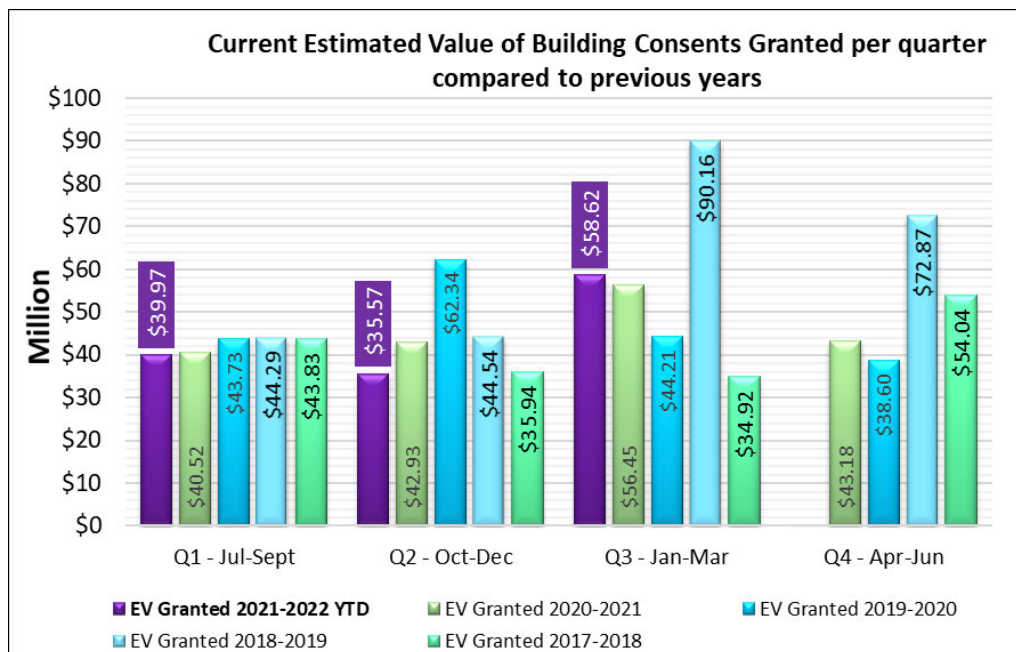
2020/21 – 10 Breaches of the 20 day timeframe

6. What were your shortest and longest consent times?

This part of your request is refused on administrative grounds under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – the information is not held/does not exist.

- Question 13 - How many people do you have employed that process building consent applications?
 - 4 full time processing staff, 1 part time, 1 team leader who process's a limited number of consents
- Question 14 - What is the 100% salary pay band for an officer that processes building consents at your council?
 - Between 80K – 110K depending on the competency they hold.
- Question 15 - Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks are required?
 - Two, Vetting and processing of each consent. Within each of these checks there are multiple checklists to complete.
- Question 16 - Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks do not require a human to assess this because it is automated?
 - No checks are automated at present
- Question 17 - Can you submit building consent drawings via your website?
 - The website has a link to our application portal (Simpli) where you can submit a Building Consent application.

- Question 18 - Does your Council gather formal feedback from building consent applicants through a survey? if so, please send a copy of the results.
 - No, we don't undertake a survey of this kind. This part of your request is refused on administrative grounds under section 17(e) LGOIMA – the information is not held/does not exist.
- Question 19 - In the financial period 2020/21, what was the economic value of the construction industry in your territorial authority?



- 2020/21 value of works, \$183 million dollars