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the privacy of
natural persons

Dear s.7(2)
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NUMBERS OF OWNER BUILDERS COMPARED TO LBPS BUILDING IN THIS DISTRICT.

I refer to your official information request dated 26 June 2021 for building consents specifically in 2019 and 2020 - and back to and including 2010.

I have provided the answers to questions 1, 3 & 4 in the table below for the years 2012 - 2020. Unfortunately, the information you are seeking for the years 2010 and 2011 cannot be found as our records do not go further back than 2012 we are therefore refusing your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA.

1. How many residential building consents were issued in each of these years
3. How many of these were by owner builders (i.e. I want to know how many people received the owner builder exemption).
4. How many of each received Certificates of Code Compliance (or, have not).

Calendar Year	No. Owner-Builder exemption notifications Per Year	Owner-Builder Code Compliance Certificates Issued	Residential BCs Granted (Excluding Amendments)
2012	1	1	2852
2013	2	2	
2014	1	1	
2016	1	1	
2017	11	7	654
2018	11	9	700
2019	15	7	651
2020	10	3	559
TOTALS	52	31	5416

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In relation to question 2 of your request, "How many of these were by LBPs or professional builders", this information is not readily available and would require a manual review of each consent file held for the period specified. Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate that information, we are refusing your request under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). However, it would be reasonable to presume that approximately 80% of all residential building consents are required to be covered by an LBP.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 17A of the LGOIMA. However, we estimate this request would require a staff member to review 5,416 building consents and take approximately 12 weeks (480 hours) at a cost of \$164 per hour. If you would like to discuss this part of your request further, with a view to achieving a revised scope that would help remove the above reason for refusal, please contact Janet Lee-Van Dijk on 03 546 0200.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Hunter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Hunter
Building Manager