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Via email: katarina.williams@stuff.co.nz

Dear Katarina

Response to official information request for information relating to residential building consents.

I refer to your request for official information received 29 September 2020 relating to residential building consents for each month from March to September. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. How many residential building consents were applied (accepted) for each month over this period?

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
2018	64	74	50	52	53	52	69	414
2019	45	67	85	71	67	58	49	442
2020	56	35	38	49	58	53	69	358

2. How many residential building consents were approved (granted) for each month over this period?

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
2018	48	67	59	47	52	42	49	364
2019	41	49	61	88	73	53	56	421
2020	55	44	44	50	49	40	46	328

3. How many residential building consents were declined for each month over this period?

No building consents were refused during this time. We may have requested additional information prior to accepting the application and when compliance is demonstrated the consent is granted. The numbers provided in Question 1 are after that part of the process.

4. The average wait time for a residential building consent to be approved?

	March - Sep
2018	14 days
2019	11 days
2020	12 days

5. How the above numbers compare to the same period over the previous two years.

Comparisons are provided above.

6. Any commentary about whether the Covid-19 pandemic had any impact on this year's numbers.

Covid-19 did impact the number of received building consent applications during the months of April, May and to a degree also June.

7. Whether your council has seen any change in application/processing numbers since Wellington entered level 2 and level 1, compared with the higher alert levels.

The number of building consent applications are back to levels seen in previous years for July, August and September.

8. If the council has implemented any specific processes or procedures to encourage more people to build residential properties given the current economic climate.

No specific response has been implemented by the Council to encourage more people to build residential properties.

9. If the council has any projections of how many building consents might be applied for in the coming year, please release this.

Building consent application numbers from previous years will give some indication of what we may expect. However, the possible ongoing impact of Covid-19 in relation to these numbers is unknown.

The Porirua Growth Strategy 2048 developed prior to Covid-19, discusses growth projections. The strategy is located on the following webpage:

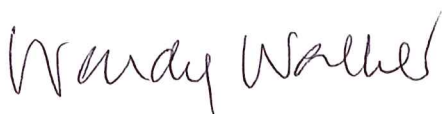
<https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/growth-strategy/>

10. If the government has provided any additional financial support to help your council in this area as a result of Covid-19.

The government has not provided financial support to help in this area.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Leonie McPhail, Manager Building Assurance on (04) 237 1464.

Ngā mihi



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