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I refer to your email, dated 26 October 2018, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...the number of approved subdivision resource consents for each of the territories for as recent as possible. I have looked over the current data you have available online, however I would need to find those consents for large subdivisions >4, do you have data that would show the number of lots from subdivision for as recent as possible."

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not collect the level of information that you have requested. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry. You can, however, request this information directly from councils that are of particular interest to you.

The National Monitoring System does have some information in the descriptive fields; however there is too much variation or too little information to make analysing this viable or robust. We are aware this information would be beneficial if it was available in a centralised location, and are considering if we are able to collect this in future.

You may be interested in the new National Monitoring System data set, available on the Ministry website from 16 November. This data will be at the same level of detail as current data sets available.

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.

We will release responses to some selected requests for official information on our Official Information Act requests page soon after the requester has received their response.

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