



5 June 2025

OIAD-1617

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 27 May 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

*Can you please advise:*

- 1. How many referral applications have been made under s13 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)?*
- 2. How many referral applications have been determined complete and within scope under s 14 of the FTAA?*
- 3. How many referral applications have been:*
  - a. Accepted by the Minister under s21(1) of the FTAA?*
  - b. Declined by the Minister under s21(3) of the FTAA?*

Regarding points 1 and 2 of your request, as at 4 June 2025, 23 referral applications have been submitted under section 13 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA). Of these, 13 have been assessed as complete and within the scope of section 14 of the FTAA.

Regarding point 3 of your request, as at 4 June 2025, three applications have been accepted by the Minister for Infrastructure under section 21(1) of the FTAA. No applications have been declined under section 21(3) of the FTAA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Sincerely,

*Electronically approved by Stephanie Frame*

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