Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

> *Could you please provide me with a link to the time taken, in NZ as a whole, for the granting and refusal of consents for the following classes of activity -- permitted, controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary, non-complying and prohibited activities? If the figures are not collected for permitted activities, how many applications were granted and refused consent for permitted activities?*

I am refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available on the Ministry's website, through the National Monitoring System (NMS), here: https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/rma/national-monitoring-system/

The National Monitoring System (NMS) website provides publicly available data on council implementation of the Resource Management Act 1991, including annual reports and datasets covering resource consents, planning processes, and enforcement actions. National datasets are available for each financial year from 2014/15 to 2023/24, and include information on the processing times and outcomes of consent applications across different activity classes.

While the NMS does not collect data on permitted activities (as these do not require consent), it does include information on the granting and refusal of consents for controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary, non-complying, and prohibited activities. These datasets can be explored via the NMS dashboard or downloaded for detailed analysis.

If the data you require cannot be located within these published resources, please contact the NMS team at nms@mfe.govt.nz with details of your request for further assistance.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: 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.

Yours sincerely



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