

Reference Number: 2024/1043

30 January 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for email of 9 January 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to the LGOIMA process for 2023. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

How many requests for official information (LGOIMA) did the Council receive in the year 2023?

Between January and December 2023, Horowhenua District Council (the Council) received 115 requests.

How many of them were handled within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days?

112 responses were provided within the statutory timeframe.

Out of all responses to requests for official information in 2023, how many of them were made publicly available (e.g. on your website)?

67 responses from 2023 can be found on our website. Council is in the process of adding another 12 responses to the website.

How many of all the requests for official information in 2023 were refused on the grounds that these requests were "frivolous or vexatious or that the information requested is trivial" (see Section 17 (h) of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987)?

Council have not refused any requests under section 17(h) of the LGOIMA.

Were the people informed that their requests for information were refused under Section 17 (h) LGOIMA?

While Council have not refused any requests under s17(h), our responses always includes a reason for refusal.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Jacinta Straker (Group Manager Organisation Services) on jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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