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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2024-002

I refer to your request for information dated 9 January 2024 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 9 January 2024. You have requested the following:

"I hereby request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the release of the following information:

- 1. How many requests for official information (LGOIMA) did the Council receive in the year 2023?*
- 2. How many of them were handled within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days?*
- 3. Out of all responses to requests for official information in 2023, how many of them were made publicly available (e.g. on your website)?*
- 4. 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)?*
- 5. Were the people informed that their requests for information were refused under Section 17 (h) LGOIMA?*

To avoid any unnecessary spending of public money, I am satisfied if you answer to the questions above only with numbers and simple yes/no statements. There is no need to release any further documents or explanations. Thank you very much for your effort."

Greater Wellington's response follows:

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

Greater Wellington received 312 requests for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) in 2023. This number covers those requests for information that were logged in Greater Wellington's information management system as a request under the Act.

A request for information is logged if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- It is estimated that a response will take longer than one hour of staff time.
- There is a large amount of information to send.
- Some information requested may need to be withheld, or the request refused.
- The request is from a Member of Parliament (or their office).
- The request is from a member of the media.
- The requestor specifically references the Act.

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

Of the 312 requests received in 2023, 289 were responded to within the statutory timeframe, five responses were sent late and 18 were still being processed at the end of the year. The 289 requests that were responded to within the statutory timeframe were either responded to within 20 working days or by an extension date that was advised within 20 working days.

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

We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is publicly available. All proactively released responses to requests for information can be found on our website: [https://www.gw.govt.nz/document-library/?topics\[\]=Local%20Government%20Official%20Information%20and%20Meetings%20Act%20-%20LGOIMA](https://www.gw.govt.nz/document-library/?topics[]=Local%20Government%20Official%20Information%20and%20Meetings%20Act%20-%20LGOIMA)

4. 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)?

No requests for information were refused under section 17(h) of the Act.

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

Not applicable.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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