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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official information request for Building Consent Queries Ref: OIA 025/22
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 21 April 2022 for building consent information.

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to the questions regarding the 100% salary band under section (Question 14.).

Section 9(2)(a) of the OIA1 applies where withholding is necessary to 'protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons' of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

With staff at Buller District Council being a small team, the information could easily identify personal information.

For the financial year ending 2020/21:

1) How many building consents applications did you receive?

268

2) How many building consents did you issue?

240

3) What was the average building consent timeframes (in days) from the day of application to when consents were issued?

8.29

4) How many building consents were issued within the 20 working day timeframe?

All of them

5) How many building consents where not issued within the 20 working day timeframe?

Zero

6) What were your shortest and longest consent times?

1 day shortest 20 Days longest

For the financial year ending 2019/20:

7) How many building consents applications did you receive?

279

8) How many building consents did you issue?

280

9) What was the average building consent timeframes (in days) from the day of application to when consent was issued?

7.48

10) How many building consents were issued within the 20 working day timeframe?

All of them

11) How many building consents where not issued within the 20 working day timeframe?

None of them

12) What were your shortest and longest consent times?

1 day shortest 20 Days longest

General questions:

13) How many people do you have employed that process building consent applications?

3.5 full time staff

14) What is the 100% salary pay band for an officer that processes building consents at your council?

Information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)

15) Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks are required?

Inspections are determined by Alpha one depending of Consent type.

16) Thinking about you building consent process, how many assessment checks do not require a human to assess this because it is automated?

All of them

17) Can you submit building consent drawings via your website?

You may apply electronically via our Website / Alpha one

18) Does your Council gather formal feedback from building consent applicants through a survey? if so, please send a copy of the results.

N/A

19) In the financial period 2020/21, what was the economic value of the construction industry in your territorial authority?

Value of BC Applications received 2020/2021 \$45,960,000

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Kind regards

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