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Dear Aaron,

**Local Government Official Information Meetings Act (LGOIMA) Request: Inspection of Rental Housing Properties**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 September 2020 in relation to the Inspection of Rental Housing Properties.

Please find the CODC response to the information request below:

1. In the past five years, how many times has the Council used their rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties?

The Council has not used or needed to use their rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties in the past five years.

2. In the past five years, how many times has the Council exercised its powers to issue a repair or closure notice to landlords whose properties do not meet the Housing Improvement Regulations?

The Council has not exercised or needed to exercise its powers to issue a repair or closure notice to landlords whose properties do not meet the Housing Improvement Regulations in the past five years.

3. How do you identify which rental housing properties to inspect under the Public Health Act?

Any properties that are required to be inspected under the Public Health Act are identified through complaints.

4. What is the process for tenants to request the Council inspect their rental housing property under the Public Health Act and provide a written report on its condition?

A tenant could request the Council to inspect their rental housing property in person at any of our service centres (Alexandra, Cromwell, Roxburgh or Ranfurly) or call (03) 440 0056 or email: [info@codc.govt.nz](mailto:info@codc.govt.nz)

5. What information is available on your website or in your publications on rental housing inspections provided by the Council?

The Council's dangerous and insanitary buildings policy and associated Ministry's information can be found on the councils website:

<https://www.codc.govt.nz/services/building/dangerous-and-insanitary-buildings>

6. What is your process for engaging with the Tenancy Tribunal to provide reports on the rental housing inspections you conduct?

If there was a request from the Tenancy Tribunal to provide a report following a rental housing inspection, the Central Otago District Council would work with the tribunal to facilitate this request.

I trust the information provided is sufficient.

Yours sincerely



**Lee Webster**  
Regulatory Services Manager

Should you disagree with this outcome 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.