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Dave Body

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Tēnā koe Dave

INFORMATION REQUEST

On 30 April 2024 you asked for information about building consents. Here is our response to your questions:

1. The average cost charged by Council to applicants for building consents issued by Council in the FY23 and FY24 years; and

This response refers to FY23 and FY24.

- FY23 is from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023.
- FY24 is from 1 July 2023 – 1 May 2024.

The average cost of a building consent was \$5,244 in FY23 and \$5,285 in FY24.

This is the cost of administering and processing the building consent and an estimated charge to cover the required building inspections, as invoiced. It does not include the cost of development contributions, asset protection bonds, or government levies.

2. The average time (days) that it took Council to issue a building consent from receipt of application to issue in the FY23 and FY24 years.

The average time to process building consents was 21 working days in both FY23 and FY24 using the statutory clock process set out in the Building Act 2004 and associated guidance. This process stops the clock if a request for further information (RFI) is sent and restarts it when a complete response is received.

The average time to process building consents was 52 working days in FY23 and 47 working days in FY24 including the days that the application was on hold pending an RFI response.

If you are not happy with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

This response may be published on our website, all personal information will be removed.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kath Norris', written in a cursive style.

Kath Norris
Team Leader
Democracy Services