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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 13 September 2021. You asked for the following information:

- “1) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, how many OIA requests did your agency receive?*
- 2) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what was the average OIA response time (including any extension time)?*
- 3) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what was the longest OIA response time (including any extension time)?*
- 4) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs required a time extension?*
- 5) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs were refused?*
- 6) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs were partially refused or redacted?”*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to the first part of your request, from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 Te Puni Kōkiri received 44 requests under the Act, with all being responded to on time. Please note this is the number of requests that were addressed directly to Te Puni Kōkiri, and does not include requests made to our ministers.

In response to parts 2-4 of your request, the average response time during this period was 18.4 business days, and the longest response time was 50 business days. Eight of the 44 requests, or 18.2%, required an extension.

In response to the remainder of your request (parts 5–6), please see the following table:

Table One: Outcomes of requests for official information received by Te Puni Kōkiri, from 1 January to 30 June 2021.

Outcome	Number	Percentage of total
Released in full	14	31.8%
Withheld in full	1	2.3%
Withheld in part	11	25.0%
Refused in full	10	22.7%
Refused in part	6	13.6%
Transferred	2	4.5%
Total	44	100%

Information that is *withheld* means it exists and is held by the agency, but has not been provided for one or more of the reasons specified in sections 6 or 9 of the Act - for example to protect the privacy of individuals or the confidentiality of advice. For further detail, see https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65371.html?search=ts_a ct%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_official+information+act_resel_25_a&p=1

Information that is *refused* cannot be provided, for one or more of the administrative reasons specified in section 18 of the Act - for example where the information requested does not exist or is already publicly available. For further detail, see https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65600.html?search=ts_a ct%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_official+information+act_resel_25_a&p=1

A request is *transferred* when the information requested is more likely to be held by another agency. For further detail, see https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65387.html?search=ts_a ct%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_official+information+act_resel_25_a&p=1

For more information about responses under the Act, including statistics from 2021, across the wider public sector, see <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/latest-oia-statistics-released-jan-june-2021/>

I trust my response satisfies your request.

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

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oiia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Smit', written in a cursive style.

Grace Smit
Hautū , Te Puni Tautoko Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Organisational Support