

26 January 2012

Our Ref No: LEX10887

Email: requests@fyi.org.nz

Attn: Joshua Grainger

Dear Mr Grainger

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your email dated 22 January 2012 requesting statistics regarding LGOIMA request sent to the Christchurch City Council for the year 2011. Your request has been referred to the full response.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

I refer to your questions as set out in your email.

**1. How many requests were made to the Christchurch City Council for the year 2011.**

The Council is unable to provide you with an accurate figure for how many requests for information were made in 2011. The Council receives numerous requests every day throughout multiple Council units and to estimate how many requests are received is not possible. The Council holds no central register for requests made of it. Your request is declined under section 17(e) on the basis that the information requested does not exist and can not be found.

**2. The number of requests made by quarter to the Christchurch City Council for the year 2011.**

For the reasons set out above the Council is unable to provide you with the information requested. Your request is declined under section 17(e) of the Act.

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**3. Number of requests that were declined by the Christchurch City Council for the year 2011.**

The Council has no centralised recording system that can easily identify which requests are declined. All requests that are declined are done so through the delegation to the Legal Services Manager. The Council's Legal Services Unit opened approximately 100 files pertaining to requests for information in the 2011 year. To determine the number of requests that were declined would require staff to recall, review and report each of the files received. The administrative burden and cost to Council to conduct this exercise would be significant. On this basis your request is declined under section 17(f) of the Act for the reason that the information requested can not be made available without substantial collation or research.

**4. A breakdown of requests declined by reasons for being declined.**

For the reasons set out above the Council is unable to provide you with the information requested. Your request is declined under section 17(f) of the Act.

**5. Number of requests answered outside of required 20 working day period.**

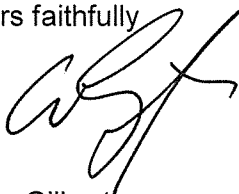
The Council endeavours to respond to all requests within the required 20 working day period as dictated by the Act. The Legal Services Unit is unaware of any requests that have not been responded to within this period. The only way to accurately answer this question would require the same substantial collation and research required in Q3-4. Your request is on that basis declined under section 17(f) of the Act.

**6. The time requests took to be answered broke into 5 day bands.**

For the reasons set out above the Council is unable to provide you with the information requested. Your request is declined under section 17(f) of the Act.

I advise that under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, you have the right to request the Office of the Ombudsmen to review the decision of the Council on the disclosure of the information requested.

Yours faithfully



Chris Gilbert  
**Solicitor**  
**Legal Services Unit Manager**