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Official Information Request No. 8140002591
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear James

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: fireworks related noise complaints

I refer to your email, which we received on 26 February 2018, requesting information about fireworks related noise complaints.

We extended the time to respond to your request by email on the 26 March, under LGOIMA section 14(1)(b) to allow time for final consultation.

Please see our response below.

1: The number of fireworks related noise complaints to Auckland Council? Detailed information by year and date would be appreciated. 2012-2107.

Please see below for information that went to the Regulatory Committee on 8 March regarding fireworks and number of complaints.

- Nature of issue is comparable with 2013. Peak times are Guy Fawkes, Chinese New Year, and Diwali.
- 447 complaints received from February 2017 to February 2018 mostly in November around Guy Fawkes.
- This is one of the biggest nuisance and safety concerns for Aucklanders (37 per cent surveyed saw the issue in the past year, and 77 per cent of those felt annoyed, angry or threatened).
- Most complaints relate to noise from private residences which are handled by noise control.

This information is publicly available and can be found on page 7 of Attachment A, which can be accessed on page 31 of the document link below:

http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2018/03/REG_20180308_AGN_6978_A.T.PDF

The other statistics 2012 -2016 would be extremely difficult to recover as Auckland Council was still running legacy systems then that don't necessarily allow noise complaints about fireworks to be separated out from other noise complaint source. Accordingly, this information is refused under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

(LGOIMA) section 17(f) the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

2: All documentation supplied to councillors regarding this issue before their governing body meeting dated Thursday 22nd Feb. Information provided to let them make an informed decision before voting.

Please refer to the minutes from the relevant Governing Body meeting, item 3. The minutes are available

here: http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2018/02/GB_20180222_MIN_6768.PDF

Please refer to the agenda from the relevant Governing Body meeting, item 10. The notice of motion and supporting information supplied for this are available here:

http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2018/02/GB_20180222_AGN_6768_AT.PDF

Thank you for your patience while we have worked on your response. I apologise for the delay.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140002591.

Yours sincerely



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