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Via: ██████████@gmail.com

Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your official information request received on 16 February 2021, asking about the total staff input for content processing the Waitohi Picton Ferry Terminal redevelopment application, particularly:

- “1. How many people were employed in reviewing the consent application between 22 December 2020 and 13 January 2021*
- 2. How many hours, or days, were spent for each person involved*
- 3. Which days the consent application was worked on”*

Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), applications must be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), which then has five working days to determine if the application meets the requirements of clause 3(1) of Schedule 6 of the Act. If the application meets the requirements of clause 3(1), the EPA must provide the application to an expert consenting panel appointed to determine the application.

We understand that your request relates to the time spent on determining whether or not the application met the requirements of clause 3(1) of Schedule 6 of the Act.

One employee undertook the completeness evaluation of the consent application and 15.5 hours was spent by the employee on the completeness evaluation between 22 December 2020 and 13 January 2021.

Below is a table breaking down the number of hours the employee worked and on what days.

Job Title	Task Name	Expenditure Type	Date	Hours
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	22 December 2020	0.5
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	23 December 2021	2.
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	4 January 2021	2.
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	5 January 2021	3.
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	6 January 2021	2.25
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	12 January 2021	2.75
Senior Advisor	Lodgement	Completeness Evaluation	13 January 2021	3.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz.

We will publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz, within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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