

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 5 October 2021

Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Reference number: ENQ-42522-C6W7C2

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 10 September 2021 for data relating to the timeliness of the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) OIA responses.

The information you have requested is below.

- 1) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, how many OIA requests did your agency receive?
42.
- 2) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what was the average OIA response time (including any extension time)?
22.4 working days.
Please note that this includes one OIA which required extensive collation, research and consultation, for which the response time was 105 working days. The average OIA response time if that OIA is omitted from the data is **20.3 working days.**
- 3) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what was the longest OIA response time (including any extension time)?
105 working days.
- 4) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs required a time extension?
22 percent.
Of these OIA responses, the average response time (excluding the OIA that required extensive collation, research and consultation) was 32.3 working days.
Of the OIA responses that were not extended, the average response time was 16.3 working days.
- 5) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs were refused?
15 percent. The most common reason for refusal was because the information did not exist. (**9.6 percent**)
- 6) From 1 January to 30 June 2021, what percentage of OIAs were partially refused or redacted?
27 percent. The most common reason for redaction was to protect the privacy of individuals (excluding staff members of the EPA).

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 may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paula Knaap', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Paula Knaap
General Manager, Engagement