

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Claims under the Building Act (1991 - 2024) Ref: 064/24  
**Date:** Monday, 10 June 2024 11:12:12 am  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 10 May 2024 requesting information for Claims under the Building Act, your request was as follows:

- 1. Number of claims brought against Council in the calendar year, relating to its functions and performance under the Building Act 1991 and/or 2004, associated with Residential building category defect claims for residential buildings under 3 stories and associated building control functions as well as any building defect claims excluding Commercial and Residential alterations and additions and associated building control functions. including granting building consents, carrying out inspections and/or issuing Code Compliance Certificates.*
- 2. Total amount (including GST if any) Council paid out in settlements and/or judgments for building defect claims in the calendar year associated with the previous question*
- 3. Total legal and expert costs incurred during the calendar year for defending and/or resolving Building Defect Claims associated with the previous question*
- 4. Did any of the Building Defect Claims in the calendar year involve natural hazards as defined in s 71(3) of the Building Act 2004? (Y/N)*
- 5. How many Building Defect Claims in the calendar year involved buildings built by Group Housing Companies (Group Housing Company definition - builds or built more than 10 homes per year)*

Any claims brought against the Council and the settlements are subject to confidential and legal privilege. Council therefore declines this request under sections 7 (c)(ii), (g), (i) and (j) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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