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Thank you for your email of 23 February 2021 requesting the following information with respect to New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals (NZPAM), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *In the 2018 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?*
2. *In the 2019 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?*
3. *In the 2020 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?*
4. *What was the average number of days to process a minerals permit in 2018, 2019 and 2020?*
5. *How many full time equivalent permit processing staff did MBIE have at 1 December for 2018, 2019 and 2020?*
6. *How many full time equivalent permit compliance staff did MBIE have at 1 December for 2018, 2019 and 2020?*

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment can advise the following in response to each of your questions. Please consider the following caveats with respect to the figures provided:

- Figures include numbers of permit applications only.
- The numbers of applications processed (granted/declined) were calculated based on the 'Status Date' of the applications. This also includes applications that had the status 'Unsuccessful' or 'Rejected'.
- The numbers of applications submitted were calculated based on their 'Submitted Date'.
- The numbers of applications currently being processed were calculated based on applications that were submitted in a calendar year and if a decision is yet to be made on them.

The average number of days to process applications were calculated based on the number of days to make a decision after deducting the days during which applications were in following statuses - 'Additional Info Required', 'Generate request to confirm map' and 'Letter sent - awaiting response'.

In the 2018 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?

A total of 71 minerals permit applications were submitted to NZPAM in 2018. Of those applications, 70 have been processed and have either been granted or declined. One application is currently being processed.

In the 2019 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?

A total of 83 minerals permit applications were submitted to NZPAM in 2019. Of those applications, 63 have been processed and have either been granted or declined. Thirteen applications are currently being processed.

In the 2020 calendar year, how many minerals permit applications were processed (i.e granted or declined), and how many were still being processed (i.e lodged and accepted but no decision had been made)?

A total of 160 minerals permit applications were submitted to NZPAM in 2020. Of those applications, 64 have been processed and have either been granted or declined. One hundred and fourteen applications are currently being processed.

What was the average number of days to process a minerals permit in 2018, 2019 and 2020?

In 2018, the average number of days to process a minerals permit application was 143 days.
In 2019, the average number of days to process a minerals permit application was 109 days.
In 2020, the average number of days to process a minerals permit application was 112 days.

How many full time equivalent permit processing staff did MBIE have at 1 December for 2018, 2019 and 2020?

In 2018, the number of full time equivalent staff whose responsibilities included the processing of minerals permits was nine.
In 2019, the number of full time equivalent staff whose responsibilities included the processing of minerals permits was 10.6.
In 2020, the number of full time equivalent staff whose responsibilities included the processing of minerals permits was 10.8.

How many full time equivalent permit compliance staff did MBIE have at 1 December for 2018, 2019 and 2020?

In 2018, the number of full time equivalent permit compliance staff was four.
In 2019, the number of full time equivalent permit compliance staff was 10.
In 2020, the number of full time equivalent permit compliance staff was 10.

I trust this information will be of assistance

Yours sincerely

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