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Request from:	Ashleigh McCaull, The AM Show, Wellington
Information requested:	Information and statistics on residential swimming pools
Response from:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

20 January 2020

Ashleigh McCaull
The AM Show
Wellington

Via Email

Dear Ashleigh

Official information request for information and statistics regarding residential swimming pools in the Westland District.

I refer to your official information request dated 12 December 2019 for information and statistics regarding residential swimming pools in the Westland District.

The information you have requested is enclosed

- 1) How many residential pools are there within the Westland District Council region?
There are 48 residential pools in the Westland region.
- 2) What is the charge for a pool inspection?
There is no charge for the first inspection.
- 3) What is the fine for a failed pool inspection?
There is a \$205.00 fine for a failed inspection.
- 4) How many pool inspections have taken place since the new rules came into force in 2017?
The Westland District Council have conducted 24 inspections since the new rules came into place in 2017.
- 5) How many failed pool inspections have there been since the new rules came into force in 2017?
There have been 4 failed inspections since the new rules came into force in 2017.
- 6) How many fines/charges have been imposed because inspectors couldn't access the property for an inspection since the new rules came into force in 2017?
No fines have been issued due to inaccessibility to property since the new rules came into force in 2017.
- 7) How much money has the Council collected in inspection fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?
No inspections fees have been collected since the new rules came into force in 2017.

8) How much money has the Council collected in failed pool inspection fines/fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?

No fees have been collected to date. The four inspections that have failed were in December 2019 and the failed inspection fee will be collected on re-inspection.

9) How many children have drowned in residential pools and spas since the new rules came into force in 2017?

I can advise that we are unaware of any deaths occurring in the Westland District due to drowning in residential pools/spas since the new rules came into force in 2017.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Maitland, Executive Assistant on LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a series of loops and a trailing line.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive