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Request from:	Laura Mills – Greymouth Star
Information requested:	Consultant, contractor, CE and Mayor costings
Response by:	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

19 December 2024

Laura Mills
Greymouth Star

Via Email: laura.mills@greystar.co.nz

Dear Laura

Official information request for consultant, contractor, CE and Mayor costings

I refer to your official information request dated 13 November 2024 for consultant, contractor, CE and Mayor costings.

You have asked for the following information:

Chief Executive and Mayor:

1. What does your chief executive earn annually?

For the 2023/24 financial year - \$271,583 2023/24.

For 2024/25 there have been an Acting and Employed CE, so this figure is unavailable to date.

2. What does your Mayor or Chair earn annually?

You can find this information in the annual report found on the Westland District Council website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/ijlfpbsm/adopted-annual-report-2023-2024.pdf>

3. What did your mayor or chair spend in expenses in the past financial year? And can this be broken down into transport, accommodation etc

You can find this information in a previous LGOIMA on the Westland District Council website here: https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/dzmirmho/24-25-43_lee-scanlon_the-news.pdf

4. What did they spend the previous year?

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Consultants:

- 1. What did you spend on the consultants in the past year?**
- 2. What did you spend the previous year?**
- 3. How many did you use this year?**
- 4. How many the previous year?**

5. What areas did you use them in (for example, flood wall design)?

Consultants costs by department	2023	2024
Council	\$123,649	\$182,143
Resource Management	\$20,500	\$53,243
Building Control	\$8,589	\$794
Civil Defence	-	\$40,991
Council Headquarters	\$30,212	\$-30,212
In-house Professional services	\$320,980	\$181,675
Information Services	\$31,450	\$19,785
Library	\$4,480	-
Museum	-	\$29,710
Land and Buildings	-	\$150,118
Land Transportation	-	\$87,792
Solid Waste	-	\$4,100
Waste Minimisation	-	\$4,103
Water Services	-	\$4,820
Waster Water Services	-	-
West Coast Wilderness Trail	-	\$5,756
Corporate Services	\$51,332	\$54,912
Office of the Chief Executive	\$4,229	\$48,065
Human Resources	\$22,512	\$42,044
Total	\$617,933	\$879,839
Number of consultants	46	72

Contractors:

1. What did you spend on contractors in the past year?
2. What did you spend the previous year?
3. How many did you use this year?
4. How many the previous year?
5. What areas did you use them in?

Contractors costs by department	2023	2024
Building Control	\$176,966	\$114,205
Resource Management	\$234,969	\$204,517
Land and Buildings	\$3,950	-
Civil Defence	-	\$25,614
Road Safety programme	\$36,538	\$51,394
Public Toilet cleaning services	\$-1,739	\$25,272
Corporate Services	\$11,279	\$12,822

West Coast Wilderness Trail	\$92,194	-\$280
Environmental Health	\$3,325	-
Small events	\$17,828	\$11,900
Footpath maintenance	\$105,066	\$117,243
Forest maintenance	\$102	-
Refuse collection services	\$887,736	\$942,3664
In-house professional services	\$-72,577	\$10,868
Jackson bay Wharf	\$1,944	-
Noise Control	\$5,901	\$2,579
Land Transport	\$1,387	-
Library	\$14,772	\$11,302
Liquor licensing	\$1,207	\$19,798
Mayors task force for jobs	-	\$112,050
Museum	-	\$1,200
Parks and Reserves	\$184,976	\$1,492
Responsible Camping	\$363,194	\$396,000
Township maintenance	\$37,463	\$75,997
Waste Water maintenance	\$-250	\$1,750
Waste Minimisation	\$86	-
Water Services	\$9,977	-
Total	\$2,116,294	\$2,138,087
Number of contractors	58	54

General

1. Has recruitment got any easier?

Yes a little, however some professional roles can still be hard to fill.

2. Are you trying to reduce consultant use?

We use consultants where we do not have specific in-house expertise or if the skills are only required periodically.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BP', is positioned above the typed name.

Barbara Phillips | Chief Executive

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