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Request from:	Sinead Gill – Stuff.co.nz
Information requested:	Consultant costings for 2021, 2022, 2023
Response by:	Te Aroha Cook, Acting Chief Executive

04 April 2024

Sinead Gill
Reporter
Stuff.co.nz

Via Email: sinead.gill@stuff.co.nz

Dear Sinead

Official information request for Consultant costings for 2021, 2022, 2023

I refer to your official information request dated 25 March 2024 for consultant costings for 2021, 2022, 2023.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. What is the total amount that your council spent on consultants during the 2023, 2022 and 2021 calendar years?**

Consultant cost by Department	2023	2022	2021
Council	\$123,649	\$43,964	\$21,329
Resource Management	\$20,500	-	\$35,620
Building Control	\$8,589	-	-
Civil Defence	-	\$36,274	-
Council Headquarters	\$30,212	-	-
In-house Professional Services	\$320,980	\$119,342	\$16,089
Information Services	\$31,450	\$16,081	\$26,230
Library	\$4,480	-	-
Museum	-	-	\$2,620
Land and Buildings	-	\$650	-
Water Services	-	\$1,885	\$1,675
Waste water Services	-	\$-9,785	\$36,744
West Coast Wilderness Trail	-	\$3,515	\$35,982
Corporate Services	\$51,332	\$53,233	\$81,624
Office of the Chief Executive	\$4,229	-	\$55,099
Human Resources	\$22,512	\$41,383	\$77,482
Total	\$617,933	\$306,541	\$390,495

- 2. Could this figure also please be broken down by department?**

As above

- 3. During each of the 23/22/21 calendar years, how many consultants did work for the council?**

2023	2022	2021
46	28	29

4. What is the per diem range, organised by department?

N/A – expenses are paid on receipt of invoices.

5. What is the highest rate that a consultant was paid for work in 2023, and in which department did they work?

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 7(2)(b)(ii) that would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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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,

Te Arohanui Cook | Acting Chief Executive

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