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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Consultants, Streetlight and water information
Response by:	Te Arohanui Cook, Acting Chief Executive

06 September 2023

Private Individual

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for consultant, streetlight and water information

I refer to your official information request dated 22 August 2023 for consultant, streetlight and water information.

You have asked for the following information:

1. A list of all the consultants used by Westland District Council and their fees, 2022/2023?

Below is the list of consultants used by Westland District Council in the financial year 2022/2023. The total amount used on consultants was \$656,783.00. We will not split this out by consultant under section 7(2)(h) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

PricewaterhouseCoopers	Lutra Ltd	Rationale Ltd
Joseph & Associates Ltd	Corcoran French Lawyers	The Copier Company Ltd
Morrison Low & Associates Ltd	University of Canterbury	Link Market Services
O'Connor Partners Limited	RDB Project Management Ltd	GWW Services
Kamahi Planning & Developments Ltd	Rillstone Associated HR Services Ltd	Jude Lainchbury Employment Solutions
WSP New Zealand Ltd	Buller District Council	Coastwide Surveys
Pamela Peters Ltd	Bits and Bytes	Liz Burke Consulting
Covenant Trustee Services	Coast Valuations	Playing Safe
Crew Consulting	Strategic Pay	C Squared Consulting
Edith Bretherton	Tonkin & Taylor Ltd	Fringe Planning
Murchison Planning Canterbury	Rough Milne Mitchell Landscape Architects	Westpac Business MasterCard
Shamroc Holdings Ltd	People Central Ltd	Abercombie & Associates Ltd
NZ Police vetting services	Hedgebook Ltd	Aon New Zealand

2. All information regarding the LED street light technology, including the black box on the top, why they brighten when you walk or drive pass them?

The black box on the back side of some (not all) LED streetlights is a control circuit that allows the lights to be managed through a separate remote system. Westland District

Council do not presently utilise any such system and the lights are all controlled remotely via a daylight switch located in Dobson.

Some LED streetlights have in built motion sensors and these are for the lights to dim (or turn off) when not specifically required. Again, no Westland District Council lights have this functionality at present.

There are a range of differing LED streetlights in use. Westland District Council primarily use Betacom GL520 Series LED Lights but there are also a number of Schraeder Brand lights (also sourced from Betacom) that are in place in some locations.

3. Are the streetlights being used for surveillance and to transmit 5G frequencies?

With the exception of streetlight poles that also double as Cell Phone Towers, none of the Westland District Council Street lights are involved in transmitting or receiving of 5G frequencies.

4. A list of all substances being added to the town water supplies? (I know chlorine (a bleach) is one).

Chlorine (also known as: Sodium Hypochlorite, Liquid Chlorsan and Chlorine gas), Caustic Soda, Citric Acid (this is a cleaning chemical for membranes), Aluminium Chlorohydrate (known as ACH – used as a flocculant pre-treatment of the water to remove particles).

5. If fluoride, or it's derivatives is being added, could you provide the safety tests put in place, especially regarding pregnant moths, new born babies who are drinking baby formula because their mothers cant breast feed them, and, children under 6 years old because all mainstream toothpastes state not to be given to children 6 years and under, they all contain fluoride. Also how does it affect animals?

No fluoride is added.

6. Are you supporting the UN Agenda 2030?

Westland District Council have not reviewed the UN Agenda 2030.

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 LGOMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Te Arohanui Cook', followed by a comma.

Te Arohanui Cook | Acting Chief Executive

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