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Councillor Steve Morris
By Email: crstevemorris@gmail.com

Tēnā koe Steve

INFORMATION REQUEST – Budget allocation toward independent contractors and consultants

We write in response to your email dated 1 April 2021 in which you requested the following information:

1. Please supply the total 2020/21 budget allocation toward independent contractors and consultants across Council in total.
2. Please supply the draft 2021-2031 budget allocation toward independent contractors and consultants across Council in total for the years ending 22, 23, and 24

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“LGOIMA”) and respond as follows.

1. \$16,567,790
2. Please refer to Table 1 below. The bulk of the forecasted increases are for planning and design consultants in relation to the Three Waters, Transport and the City Infrastructure and Planning activities. Please note that these are draft figures only and have not been approved by the Commissioners at this stage.

Table 1: Forecasted budget allocation for independent contractors and consultants – financial years of 2022, 2023 and 2024 - inflated			
	Forecast 2022	Forecast 2023	Forecast 2024
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Consultants and contractors	\$23,329	\$22,729	\$19,706

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.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours sincerely

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