

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Local Government Information Request Ref: OIA 012/23
Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2023 3:10:00 pm
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Dear [REDACTED]

Further to the below email sent to [REDACTED] on 28 February 2023, please find below responses to your LGOIMA queries marked in red;

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable.

I request the following information for the **2021/22 Financial Year**:

1. Average residential rates

- a. The average **residential** costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. **\$2,155.98 incl GST**
 - Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - o **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units; **\$12,334,350.60**
 - o **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection (**Refuse charged as targeted rate**), fire protection etc.); **\$0** and
 - o **Z** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban). **5,721**
 - Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

2. Average non-residential rates

- a. The average **non-residential** costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. **\$3,404.99 inc GST**
 - Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - o **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to

rating units except those defined as residential*; \$6,142,223.70

- o **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to **metered water**, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and \$ 231,922.00
 - o **Z** is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial). 1,872
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

***Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2021/2022 Financial Year.**

3. Personnel

- a. The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance. Nil
- b. If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations. 106.5
- c. If applicable, the total FTE number of staff employed, including those employed by council-controlled organisations. 189.80
- d. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000. CCO in excess of \$100k = 10, BDC 19 in excess of \$100k = therefore total = 29
- e. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000. CCO in excess of \$200k = nil, BDC 3 in excess of \$200k = therefore total =3, noting that two roles are due to flood recovery after July 2021 and February 2022 flood events are not permanent fixed positions

3.1. Management

1. The FTE number of managers employed. Please confirm the ratio of management to staff. FTE Senior Leadership Team (SLTO: Five as at 30 June 2022, noting one is flood recovery and in addition to usual. Ratio is 1 SLT to 16.6 staff
2. The average and median salary of a manager. Due to small dataset average only provided: \$179,368

3.2. Communications

1. The FTE number of communications & marketing staff employed. One

2. The average and median salary of communications & marketing staff. **Not provided due to size of dataset, with only one staff member**
3. Total expenditure on communications & marketing. **\$52,373 exc GST, this includes specific communications for Flood Recovery due to July 2021 and February 2022 floods and is in addition to Business as Usual**

3.3. Consultants & contractors

Total expenditure on consultants and contractors. **\$2,938,579**

This includes additional contractors to deliver flood recovery due to the July 2021 and February 2022 Floods and some is in addition to Business as Usual, some also relates to unbudgeted Central Government Grants which BDC did not have staffing for specific projects.

1. Total number of consultants and contractors paid. **84**

3.4. Core services

- a. The FTE number of staff employed to work on the delivery and/or maintenance of local infrastructure. **12**
- b. The FTE number of staff employed to provide regulatory functions. **10.5**
- c. The FTE number of staff employed in customer-facing roles. **7.5**

4. Audit and Risk Oversight

- a. How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)? **11 (all of Mayor and Councillors attend)**
- b. Does the Council have independent members on the Committee? **Not in 2022 year**
- c. Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member? **Not in 2022 year**
- d. Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee? **Not in 2022 year**
- e. Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee? **Not in 2022 year**
- f. Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff? **Yes**

5. Payments to third parties

- a. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST. **\$18,213 including training fees**
- b. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST. **\$47,619 including membership and training**
- c. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), including GST. **\$15,638**

6. Debt

1. Net debt as a percent of rates income **As at 30 June 2022 91.49%**
2. The dollar amount of debt per rating unit **As at 30 June 2022 \$1,946**

3. The dollar amount of interest paid per rating unit

As at 30 June 2022 \$202

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

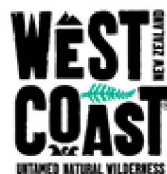
Kind regards

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From: BDC_Lgoima

Sent: Tuesday, 28 February 2023 11:26 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Official Information Request for Local Government Information Request Ref: OIA 012/23

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your official information request dated 31 January 2023 for Local Government Request information.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 29 March 2023.

This extension is necessary due to current staff resourcing issues.

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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