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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official information request for Infrastructure Delivery Role Ref: OIA 085/24  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 2 July 2024 requesting the following:

*We've been told the council has/will have a contractor covering its infrastructure delivery role for an extended period.*

*Could you tell me please:*

1. *What is the length of this period?* **Three to six months.**
2. *Why is a contractor covering the role?* **Has the skills required and already familiar with the work of BDC.**
3. *Who is the contractor?* **Mel Sutherland**
4. *Will there be an extra cost to ratepayers – if so, how much compared to a council staffer being employed?* **No. Costs are being covered by savings and other current vacancies.**

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](http://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](mailto: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 may be published 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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