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Subject: Official information request for CEO/Mayor Costs & Contractors/Consultants Costs Ref: OIA 145/24
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 14 November 2024 and our extension email dated 11 December 2024. We appreciate your patience while we completed your LGOIMA.

The information you have requested is marked below in red.

What does your chief executive earn annually? **\$265,000**

What does your mayor or chair earn annually? **\$115,735**

What did your mayor or chair spend in expenses in the past financial year? And can this be broken down into transport, accommodation, etc.

Accom & Travel	\$	7,600
Conference fees	\$	1,064
Communication	\$	1,400
Mileage	\$	6,843
Total	\$	16,907

What did they spend the previous year?

Accom & Transport	\$	6,653
Conference fees	\$	4,130
Communication	\$	1,400
Mileage	\$	5,321
Total	\$	17,503

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What did you spend on consultants in the past year?

What did you spend the previous year?

How many did you use this year?

How many the previous year?

What areas did you use them in (for example, flood wall design)?

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What did you spend on contractors in the past year?

What did you spend the previous year?

How many did you use this year?

How many the previous year?

What areas did you use them in

Answers to questions above as per table:

Activity	Amount spent on contractors/consultants by Activity		Number of contractors/consultants used by Activity	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
Ammenities & Reserves	\$ 77,931.63	\$ 48,594.51	7	6
Commercial Infrastructure	\$ 900,828.72	\$ 1,762,305.54	14	22
Governance & Representation	\$ 10,416.65	\$ 24,999.96	1	1
IAF Transport Connection	\$ 9,265.23	-	2	0
Regulatory	\$ 237,371.21	\$ 218,280.58	6	5
Roading & Transport	\$ 687,353.22	\$ 2,088,759.97	20	25
Solidwaste	\$ 146,227.16	\$ 236,917.42	9	13
Stormwater	\$ 38,951.53	\$ 76,579.25	4	6
Support Services	\$ 519,582.23	\$ 1,062,237.75	20	27
Wastewater	\$ 286,599.38	\$ 394,868.85	16	11
Water Supplies	\$ 607,837.64	\$ 848,561.29	13	20
Total	\$ 3,522,364.60	\$ 6,762,105.12	112	136

Please note for the 2023/2024 year \$2,598,484 of the total cost is related to capital expenditure.

And more generally - has recruitment got any easier?

No. It has been challenging to attract and retain skilled staff in Westport, largely due to its remote location and limited local talent pool.

Are you trying to reduce consultant use?

Yes, most definitely. We have made permanent appointments this year that were previously occupied by Contractors.

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.

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Kind regards

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Community Grants

Closes 22/02/2025

Rural Travel Fund

Closes 22/02/2025

NZ Creative Communities

Closes 10/03/2025



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