

From: [BDC Igoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Consultants Costs 2021-2023 Ref: 034/24
Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2024 12:03:46 pm
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 25 March 2024 requesting information relating to consultants' costs.

Part of the information you have requested is marked below in red.

However, we are refusing your request for information pertaining to questions 3 and 4 under section 17 (f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act – that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

1. What is the total amount that your council spent on consultants during the 2023 **\$7,981,971**, 2022 **\$5,383,053** and 2021 **\$2,877,971** calendar years?
2. Could this figure also please be broken down by department.

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Amenities & Reserves	36,940	246,487	77,932
Commercial Infrastructure	862,002	753,175	900,829
Governance & Representation			10,417
Regulatory	134,241	281,417	241,715
Roading & Transport	1,136,323	345,435	687,353
Solidwaste	142,227	49,799	146,227
Stormwater	440	6,454	38,952
Support Services	101,135	323,439	519,582
Wastewater	220	146,099	286,599
Water Supplies	464,442	619,286	607,838
IAF Transport Connection			9,265
Flood Recovery	-	2,611,461	4,455,249
Grand Total	2,877,971	5,383,053	7,981,957

3. During each of the 23/22/21 calendar years, how many consultants did work for the council? **2023 – 112, 2022 – 84, 2021 - 63**
3. What is the per diem range, organised by department? **We don't hold this information as separate data. We would need to search each invoice which would take a significant period. We also note that although some contractors charge a per diem, some gross up their hourly/fixed rate and include the per diem in the hourly rate. This is therefore refused under section 17 (f).**
4. What is the highest rate that a consultant was paid for work in 2023, and in which department did they work? **We don't hold this information as separate data. We would need to search each invoice which would take a significant period. This is therefore refused under section 17 (f).**

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 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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