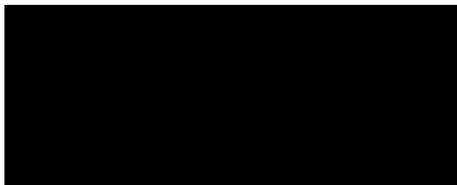


16 September 2019



Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 5828318

I refer to your information request we received on 10 September 2019 requesting the following:

The cost quoted from consultants in the past year, as being described by you as services to council provided by those who are not staff, does this include the roading contract by Higgins? Does this include the BECCA management of the River Recharge Resource Consent? Does this include the consultants for Maclean Park and the reviewers of the Waikanae Library and Te Newhanga preliminary building assessment?

Exactly what other services is this providing to council for a cost in excess of \$24M in the past year?

The number we quoted includes all of the operational services that the Council provides. This includes the maintenance contract with Higgins and the review work for the Te Newhanga preliminary building assessment. The other items that you mentioned are part of the capital spending programme that was completed this year of \$22.2 million.

Also, is 68 resignations from the organisation within a year normal? It does seem excessive and I wonder if it is easy to get the resignation figures for the past few years as a comparison.

We do not allocate a 'normal' figure for resignations. Employees resign for a number of reasons and we monitor turnover and focus on the reason for the resignation rather than the number of resignations. While the number is higher than the last three years (2015/16: **42**; 2016/17: **41**; 2017/18: **54**), the primary reason for resignation is mostly personal motivation for advancement or opportunity, or family reasons.

Yours sincerely



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