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15 June 2023

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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2023 requesting the following information:

1. *Is ARC Blue your official procurement advisor to Kapiti Council?*

Kāpiti Coast District Council engaged ArcBlue Consulting (NZ) Ltd in 2021 to provide procurement advisory services for a one-off project. ArcBlue are not an official advisor to the Council.

2. *Is Bain and Company also an appointed procurement advisor to Kapiti Council?*

Kāpiti Coast District Council has not engaged Bain and Company directly. The Council engaged ArcBlue Consulting (NZ) Ltd for procurement advisory services, which is a subsidiary of Bain and Company.

3. *Do you, Kapiti Council, employ any individual Procurement Consultants or Contracts other than those listed in 1 and 2 above?*

Procurement work is undertaken for the Council by a variety of professional services suppliers from time to time. Procurement services are sometimes part of a broader scope of work provided by these suppliers.

4. *For questions 1, 2 and 3 above, how much does it cost per annum for their services?*

The cost of the advisory services engaged in 2021 by ArcBlue Consulting (NZ) Ltd was \$27,270 excluding GST. No payments have been made to Bain and Company.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

In regards to providing information on Procurement Consultants or Contracts other than those listed in 1 and 2, your request will be very difficult to meet without substantial collation or research.

To determine the annual total cost of procurement services overall would impact Council's operations. Procurement services are sometimes bundled with a broader range of services and this would require staff to assess a large volume of information.

Consideration has been given to whether your request could be further refined. However, in this particular situation we do not consider this would be possible. As such I decline your request under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have considered whether we would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Council's ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted.

5. *How many direct procurement staff does Kapiti Council employ?*

Kāpiti Coast District Council currently has one full time staff member in a dedicated procurement role.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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