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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7204138

I refer to your information request we received on 22 July 2020 for the following:

Would you please let me know the cost-to-date of this review including staff time and direct costs since it was first scheduled to start.

We are unable to report on specific staff time spent on the review to date as this information is not measured. Our staff, including those doing the substantive work on the Beach Bylaw Review, means that they undertake a range of tasks (including meetings and reporting) which span multiple activity areas. Due to the nature of these roles, time is not logged against specific projects. For this reason, I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA because the requested information does not exist.

However, we estimate that overall staff resourcing supporting the Beach Bylaw review is approximately 0.5 full time equivalent from February 2019 to December 2019, increasing to 1-1.2 full time equivalents from January 2020 to the current time. This excludes a period under the Covid-19 lockdown where resourcing was diverted to support emergency management and recovery functions.

We can provide the direct costs incurred to date for the Review of the Beach Bylaw. Cost incurred, per financial year, are provided in the table below.

Year	Actual
2018/2019	0.00
2019/2020	26,165.22
2020/2021	517.83
Total to date	26,683.05

What are the budgets for the financial years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and project budget for 2020-2021 for the Beach Bylaw project?

We are unable to report on financial budget for the review as this specific information is not budgeted. For this reason, I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA because the requested information does not exist.

However, we are able to provide the annual budget for direct costs incurred by the Research and Policy function to support the review of policies and bylaws. The review is one of many deliverables undertaken by this function.

Year	Budget
2018/2019	47,109.00
2019/2020	47,109.00
2020/2021	48,894.00

Please note that costs shown exclude GST.

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.

Yours sincerely



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