

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 25 March 2024 requesting the following:

"1. What is the total amount that your council spent on consultants during the 2023, 2022 and 2021 calendar years?"

2. Could this figure also please be broken down by department.

3. During each of the 23/22/21 calendar years, how many consultants did work for the council?"

3. What is the per diem range, organised by department?"

4. What is the highest rate that a consultant was paid for work in 2023, and in which department did they work?"

Release of information

The information you have requested is as below.

"1. What is the total amount that your council spent on consultants during the 2023, 2022 and 2021 calendar years?"

Financial Year - 2021	\$ 563,797.91
Financial Year - 2022	\$1,269,682.26
Financial Year - 2023	\$ <u>988,197.40</u>
	<u>\$2,821,677.57</u>

2. Could this figure also please be broken down by department.

3 Waters	\$ 74,762.50
Building	\$ 98,979.75
CEO's Office	\$ 21,140.10
Community Facilities	\$ 5,449.50
Corporate & Financial	\$117,745.60
District Planning	\$217,590.24
IT Services	\$ 1,206.50
Kaikoura Marine Development Programme (KMDP)	\$908,468.65
Library	\$ 13,455.34
Mayor & Councillors	\$ 2,080.10
Natural Hazards	\$ 31,746.51
Refuse & Recycling	\$ 60,123.28
Regulatory	\$ 1,312.50
Statutory Planning	\$ 8,771.09
Works & Services	<u>\$1,258,845.91</u>
	<u>\$2,821,677.57</u>

3. During each of the 23/22/21 calendar years, how many consultants did work for the council?"

Financial Year - 2021	25
Financial Year - 2022	27
Financial Year - 2023	33

3. What is the per diem range, organised by department?

Consultants are not typically paid per diem, their costs would be included in their fee or as separate disbursements which would need to be agreed.

4. What is the highest rate that a consultant was paid for work in 2023, and in which department did they work?"

Highest Hourly rate paid to Consultant in 2023 = \$400.00

This was for an external consultant, engaged on behalf of, but not working in a Council department.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

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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.

Yours sincerely



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