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Emergency Planning

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 12 August. You requested the following information:

We wish to receive copies of any reports, agendas and minutes that:

- *Detail the amount of money that has been spent on 'Emergency Planning' for the years 2018,2019,2020,2021, 2022 (part)*
- *This request relates to both the Wellington City Council and the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)*

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information. Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) conducts a range of activities on behalf of nine councils in the Wellington region, to assist Councils in the preparedness of their communities. WREMO has a budget which is funded by the nine councils. Their budget is available in their annual plan which is on their website here [WREMO — Plans](#). This includes the monetary contribution made by each council. Wellington City Council's contribution to WREMO is captured in the Contracts, Services and Materials row in the table below.

Emergency planning is an operational decision of Council and as such does not go through Councillors or Committee stages for sign off. Therefore, there are no reports detailing the amount being spent, as this is an operational cost.

The below expenses have been classified under Civil Defence in our financial system. The business unit undertakes planning and response, which can't be separated and so we have provided the total. Please note regarding personnel costs in 2018, at this time people in other business units were seconded into Emergency Management.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	<i>Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Actual (\$)</i>
<i>Personnel</i>	376,193	283,561	131,036	241,465	72,742
<i>Contracts, Services, Materials</i>	1,203,731	1,298,372	1,107,613	1,068,909	944,499
<i>Professional Costs</i>	77,615	0	0	0	18,758
<i>General Expenses</i>	106,439	88,370	82,020	93,925	64,034
<i>Depreciation and amortisation</i>	0	0	25,861	46,400	37,576
<i>Internal re-charge and recoveries*</i>	74	253	5,802	5,811	4,046
Total	1,764,052	1,670,555	1,352,332	1,456,510	1,141,654

*Note: This refers to costs incurred elsewhere within WCC but is on behalf of Emergency Planning team and is therefore re-charged to this cost centre.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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