

4 March 2025

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Tēnā koe s(7)(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 27 January 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *The amount of money spent by WCC on consultants in the past four years for:*
 - *The Town Hall refurbishment,*
 - *The Central Library refurbishment,*
 - *Plans and work for Te Ngākau/Civic square,*
 - *Plans for the City to Sea bridge?*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Cost of consultants for property project at Wellington City Council

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Wellington Town Hall	\$2,572,485.68	\$3,087,507.08	\$3,489,023.20	\$7,063,570.31	\$4,080,796.68
Te Ngakau/Civic Square (CAB & MOB Demolition, Civic Basement Strengthening)	-	\$86,405	\$210,813	\$1,271,336	\$1,792,426
City to Sea Bridge	-	-	-	\$42,180	\$106,880
Te Matapihi Central Library Refurbishment	-	\$3,493,449.71	\$6,882,843.94	\$5,228,942.86	\$2,285,690.27

To note:

- Based on definition of consultant as being people or organisation that have provided advice to the project.
- Figures for 24/25 are from the start of the financial year until 31 January 2025.
- Some consultants provided both advice and service; where it is difficult to separate these two figures out, the full amount has been provided.
- Consultant services include (but are not limited to) – architects, engineers, seismic & Geotech assessment, climate change & flood assessment, surveyors, archaeologists,

accessibility specialist, legal services, commissioning services, building service specialists, Māori Advisory Consultancy, co-design, resource consent, and peer reviews.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

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

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Asha Harry
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