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Subject: LGOIMA Response- further information
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Dear Clare,

First, I refer to our response of 6 August 2015 to your request for various information about the rain event of 3 June 2015.

In our response, we advised that we would provide you with further information when collation of data sets had been completed.

I am pleased to advise that collation work is now completed and a full response to your request is detailed below.

I have repeated your questions for the sake of clarity:

- 1 How many housing assessments were completed by Dunedin City Council staff on June 4th, 5th and 6th following the Wednesday 3 June floods?

DCC Response

On June 4th, 5th and 6th the Dunedin City Council assessed 144 properties affected by the 3 June rain event.

- 2 How many housing assessments have been completed by Dunedin City Council staff between Thursday 4 June and Monday 15 June?

DCC Response

Between 4 June and 15 June 2015 168 housing assessments of properties affected by the 3 June rain event were performed by the Dunedin City Council.

- 3 How many housing assessments related to the flood event of Wednesday 3 June have been completed on the same day they were requested since Thursday 4 June?

DCC Response

As previously advised, during the period of the June 2015 flood and immediately afterwards, different data sets were compiled by different DCC staff for different purposes. When these lists were collated into one general spreadsheet, the date South Dunedin residents asked for a building assessment was not entered into that general spreadsheet. Only the date a building assessment was completed was recorded in the general spreadsheet. Therefore the information is not held in the format requested.

To provide the date building assessments were requested would involve further substantial collation. Responding to this request to this point has exceeded the allocated three hours of non-chargeable time and no costs have been incurred at this point. However undertaking further work will incur charges.

The DCC LGOIMA charging policy ([DCC LGOIMA Charging Policy](#)) states that after the first three hours fulfilling LGOIMA requests will be charged at \$38/per half hour.

Please advise whether you require the further research to be undertaken to provide you with the information requested in this question. If decide you wish to proceed, we can

provide you with an estimate of the time and costs of fulfilling your request.

- 4 How many housing assessments have been requested of the Dunedin City Council since Wednesday 3 June 2015?

DCC Response

172 building assessments related to the 3 June rain event were undertaken by the DCC during the month of June 2015. To identify which of these were requested prior to 3 June would involve further substantial research/collation. As outlined above a fee would be imposed for any further research or collation work on this aspect of your request.

Please advise whether you require the further research to be undertaken to provide you with the information requested in this question. If you require this information an estimate of the time taken and the cost would be provided.

- 5 How many housing assessments are projected to be undertaken by Dunedin City Council staff for the month of June?

DCC Response

This information has been supplied in response to question 4.

Secondly I refer to our response of 18 September (in relation to your request of 19 August 2015 addressed to the CEO) for information about the flood and subsequent debrief.

In our response letter we withheld some information as we were consulting with some people as part of processing your request. Consultations have now been completed and we attach those emails that were previously withheld. The name and email address of the cc'ed recipient is redacted for privacy reasons (section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA) and note that they did not contribute to the exchange.

Thirdly I refer to our response of 18 September (to your request of 19 August 2015 addressed to the Manager Civil Defence and Rural Fire) in which we advised that we would provide you with details of the following two requests:

Request number 4

How many Dunedin City Council staff with Civil Defence responsibilities were on duty between 5.00PM Tuesday 2 June and 9.00AM Friday 5 June, and for what time periods?

Request number 5

How many Dunedin City Council staff with Civil Defence responsibilities were actively monitoring flood activity in the South Dunedin area between 5.00PM Tuesday 2 June and 9.00AM Friday 5 June and for what time periods?

We have previously advised that over the period the Emergency Operations Centre was operational (3 June 1300 – 2300 and 4 June 0500 – 2130), there were approximately 25 to 35 people at the EOC working in the following roles:

- Dunedin City Civil Defence Emergency Management
- Planning Group
- Intelligence Group
- Public Information Group
- News Media Liaison Group
- New Zealand Police
- New Zealand Fire Service
- Logistics Group
- Communications Group
- Engineering Group
- St John Ambulance
- District Health Board

- Welfare Group
- Community Assessment Group
- New Zealand Army
- New Zealand Red Cross

We can confirm that 33 DCC staff were in or actively involved in the EOC over the 3 day period. During this period staff were not required to specify their start or finish time at the EOC. The actual period of time spent by each staff member over the three day period is not able to be provided. Additionally many staff worked remotely, in the field or worked split shifts. These staff also were not required to specify start or finish times.

We advise no DCC staff were actively monitoring the flooding as this is a task performed by the Otago Regional Council.

As we have declined to provide you with some information, you have the right pursuant to section 27 of LGOIMA to have our decision reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

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