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From: Clare Sullivan
Sent: Tuesday, 2 March 2021 05:09 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 request

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 17 February 2021 for information relating to details of all external consultancies engaged over the last 3 financial years of more than \$1,000 to provide a service, expertise, advice or training to any one or multiple departments.

The LGOIMA enables people to request official information from the local government agencies including the Dunedin City Council. However, the LGOIMA only applies to information that is already held by the Council. There is no obligation on the Council to create information in order to respond to a request.

I advise that in relation to question 1 and 1.1 to 1.6, the information you are seeking in this case is not held by the Council and your request is declined subject to section 17(g) of LGOIMA. However, I can advise that information relating to the total payments to staff and suppliers for operating costs for the 2019 financial year was \$185,596 and for the 2020 financial year was \$194,543. This information is contained in the Council's Annual report which is available online. The link is attached. <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/annual-reports/annual-reports-2019-2020>

In relation to question 3 we do not have a current policy on the use of external consultants. In relation to question 4, we do not have a policy in place for determining whether external consultancies provide value for money.

You have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Please refer to their website at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

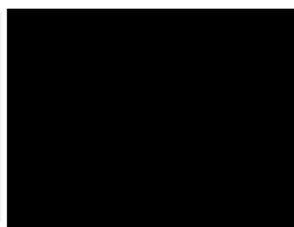
Regards

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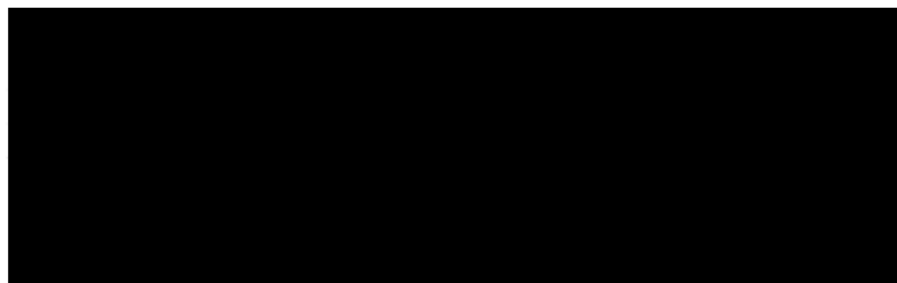


Request

Request Text

This is an updated—and hopefully a more appropriate—version of an official information request submitted to your council—and later withdrawn—late last year. The information we are seeking is related to external consultants and professional services—parties external to your organisation contracted to provide a service, expertise, advice or training to any one or multiple departments or directorates in your organisation. Examples include—but are not limited to—management, HR or marketing consultants.

1. Please provide the details of all external consultancies engaged over the last three financial years (from 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2020) which cost in excess of \$1,000 to the organisation, i.e., a total of \$1,000 or more were paid to the consultants for the project. We would appreciate it if the following information could be provided in an electronic spreadsheet format (MS Excel): 1.1. The year in which the consultancy was engaged. 1.2. The name of the organisation/person engaged to carry out the consultancy. 1.3. The purpose of the consultancy or the type of service provided (if recorded). 1.4. The departments or directorates directly involved in the consultancy project (if recorded). 1.5. The total cost of the consultancy. 1.6. Whether or not tenders were invited (if recorded). 2. What was the total amount spent on external consultants and professional services across the organisation in each year? 3. Do you have a current policy on the use of external consultants? If yes, please provide a copy of this. 4. Do you have a current policy in place for determining whether external consultancies provide value for money? If yes, please provide a copy of this.



If there are any questions or concerns, please forward them to

