

From: [Rebecca Murray](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LGOIMA Request Council's liability as a BCA
Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 3:57:00 pm
Importance: High

Kia ora

I write about your LGOIMA request dated 6 November 2024 which we extended on 4 December 2024.

Please find below the answers to your questions raised.

The liabilities the Council has in its role as a BCA?

We are unable to quantify this.

The total financial exposure the Council faces in its role as a BCA?

We are unable to quantify this.

The insurance coverage, or any other form of liability cover such as insurance bonds, if any, the Council maintains for BCA-related liabilities.

The DCC has Professional Indemnity (PI) insurance that includes BCA related activities as an insured operation.

The annual cost to ratepayers to maintain BCA related liability cover.

Council does not hold a separate policy for BCA related liabilities.

The portion of rates allocated to cover potential BCA liabilities.

The DCC has provided a budget of \$131k in the current financial year (\$121k in the previous two years).

The reserves maintained specifically for BCA related claims.

Nil

The details of any excess or similar that is required to be covered by the Council before any insurance or other liability cover is paid out.

\$250k for claims related to activities under the Building Act.

The amount the Council has spent on BCA liability related claims in the past 3 financial years, including but not limited to, legal fees, settlements, negligence costs, etc.

No BCA claims have met the threshold for insurance, however \$84,583 of BCA related costs were incurred in the last 3 financial years.

For clarity this is not for the cost to administer BCA.

Kā mihi

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From: Rebecca Murray

Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2024 4:14 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: LGOIMA Request - Extension of timeframe

Importance: High

Kia ora

I refer to your e-mail of 6 November 2024 requesting information on the Council's liability regarding their role as a Building Consent Authority (BCA).

I advise that pursuant to section 14 (1)(b) of the LGOIMA that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit we are extending the time to respond to your request by 14 working days (24 December 2024). We will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

As we have extended the time to respond to your request you are advised that you have the right to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 1:40 pm

To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>

Subject: LGOIMA Request

Hi,

I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED] . [REDACTED]
is requesting information on the Council's liability regarding their role as a Building
Consent Authority (BCA).

This request is subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings
Act 1987.

Please provide:

The liabilities the Council has in its role as a BCA?

The total financial exposure the Council faces in its role as a BCA?

The insurance coverage, or any other form of liability cover such as insurance bonds,
if any, the Council maintains for BCA-related liabilities.

The annual cost to ratepayers to maintain BCA related liability cover.

The portion of rates allocated to cover potential BCA liabilities.

The reserves maintained specifically for BCA related claims.

The details of any excess or similar that is required to be covered by the Council

before any insurance or other liability cover is paid out.

The amount the Council has spent on BCA liability related claims in the past 3 financial years, including but not limited to, legal fees, settlements, negligence costs, etc.

For clarity this is not for the cost to administer BCA.

Ngā Mihi,

[REDACTED]
