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Request for information 2022-224

I refer to your request for information dated 23 November 2022 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 23 November 2022. You have requested the following:

1. *What is the total value of all artwork (including sculptures) currently owned by your council?*
2. *What percentage of this total value comes from artworks currently displayed for the public to enjoy?*
3. *How much has your council spent over the last 3 years on artwork?*
4. *What is the most expensive piece of artwork the council owns? How much is it worth? And is it being displayed? If it is being displayed, please indicate specifically where it is being displayed (e.g., the Mayor's office, in the council lobby etc).*

Greater Wellington's response follows:

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It is necessary for Greater Wellington to refuse parts 1, 2 and 4 of your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) as the information is not held by Greater Wellington, and we have no grounds to believe that any other agency subject to the Act holds the requested information.

For further context, the below table outlines the art held by Greater Wellington, the value of all pieces is unknown:

Art Names	Artist	Value	Description
Whispering City	Sonia Trealy	Unknown	Oil on Canvas, 400x400cm
Kiss the Earth with Your Feet	Josie Conn	Unknown	2011
Korokoro Dam	Unknown	Unknown	Larg f amed photograph
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Birds in a Tree
Unknown	Cynthia Taylor	Unknown	3 numbered prints
Unknown	C T Laugesen	U known	Dredging on River 1966
The Pinnacles-Palliser Bay 1967	C T Lauge en	Unknown	Oil painting

3. How much has you council spent over the last 3 years on artwork?

Greater Wellington has not spent any money on artwork over the last three years.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington’s website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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