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Request for information 2023-151

I refer to your request for information dated 11 June 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 11 June 2023. You have requested the following:

“Please identify for your CDEM Group and it’s members each building that is currently identified as the building intended/likely to be used as

-the ECC

-an EOC

after a seismic event.

Please provide the buildings current %nbs at IL4, the date of the last assessment, and the type of seismic assessment completed.

Alternately if you do not hold/cannot provide the above please provide the last seismic assessment for the buildings identified above.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

The New Building Standard (NBS) and Importance Level (IL) are defined in the Building Act 2004 and associated Regulations.

Emergency Coordination Centre

The Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) doesn’t have a purpose-built facility, instead it is mobile and flexible, and able to use the most suitable facility at the time of the emergency event.

Equipment is kept at 2 Turnbull Street, Thorndon. The ECC can be established at the below or alternate sites as required in an emergency event:

- 2 Turnbull Street, Thorndon 80% of the NBS and is IL4. This will be reassessed this year as part of Wellington City Council's routine inspection programme.
- ECC at Royal Society Te Whare Apārangi is an IL2 building. Note we don't have the % NBS for the Royal Society and, as a private organisation, they are not subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- Greater Wellington Offices at Cuba Street is 100% NBS and is IL2. No structural seismic assessment has been carried out as it was seismically designed and constructed to 100% NBS IL2 in 2019/2020.

Wellington City Council

Wellington City Council Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is at 2 Turnbull Street, Thorndon. 2 Turnbull Street is at 80% NBS and is IL4. This will be reassessed this year as part of Wellington City Council's routine inspection programme.

Hutt City Council

Hutt City Council currently operates its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) out of the Pavilion building located at 25 Laings Road. It is at 100% NBS is IL4. It was last assessed with a site visit in November 2017 and a report in April 2018. The assessment was an Initial Seismic Assessment.

Details of seismic ratings and links to the latest assessment reports for Hutt City Council owned buildings are publicly available on the HCC website <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/property-and-building/seismic-information/council-owned-buildings>

Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt currently operates its EOC out of a section of the main Library building which is currently assessed at >80% NBS and is IL4. It is the result of a detailed seismic assessment following work undertaken to improve the seismic capacity of the building in 2018.

An alternate location will soon be completed at the Maidstone Community Ports Hub complex. Following a detailed seismic assessment methodology this will be 100% NBS and IL3.

Porirua City Council

Porirua City Council EOC is at 2B Raiha Street. Strengthening work was done in 2017 to give the EOC a rating of 100% NBS and IL4 using a Detailed Seismic Assessment.

Kāpiti Coast District Council

Kāpiti District Council EOC is at Fytfield Place Paraparaumu. It is at 85% NBS and is IL4. It was assessed in 2016 using the Initial Evaluation Procedure. The assessment is provided as Attachment One.


Wairarapa

South Wairarapa District Council, Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council use Waiata house in Masterton as the combined Wairarapa EOC. Waiata House is an IL2 building. Over the course of 2018 strengthening work was completed, and the design proposed an outcome of 67% of the NBS IL2. There has not been a Detailed Seismic Assessment prepared since the strengthening was completed.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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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