

27 July 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-175

I refer to your request for information dated 30 June 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 June 2023. You have requested the following:

“Total expenditure on bottled water in 2022:

Please provide the total amount spent on bottled water, including the cost of procurement, delivery and any other associated expense.

Total expenditure on flowers in 2022:

Please provide the total amount spent on flowers, including any cost related to procurement, arrangements and maintenance.

Similarly, please provide:

Total expenditure on bottled water from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.

Total expenditure on flowers from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.

If possible, I would appreciate a breakdown of the aforementioned expenditures by specific projects, programs, or categories within your department. This breakdown will aid in comprehending the context of these expenses and enable a more comprehensive analysis.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Bottled water 2022

Total expenditure on bottled water in 2022 was \$257.29. This was made up of:

- \$230 for bottled water that goes under desks for staff for emergency management for our Masterton office.

We are unable to identify if there were cost for other sites. It also does not include the cost of delivery as we do not have that recorded.

- \$27.29 for spare water bottles for people who come to an outdoor event and forget to bring their water bottles. Having spare water in outdoor events is part of our health and safety plans.

Flowers 2022

Total expenditure on flowers in 2022 was \$3,412.84.

This amount relates to providing flowers to staff for significant personal events which may include the birth or adoption of a child, death of a close family member, wedding or outstanding academic achievement.

It does not include plants bought for our nurseries or plants bought for offices.

Bottled water 2023

Total expenditure on bottled water from January 2023 up to and including June 2023 was \$1,027.29. This was made up of:

- \$1,000 for bottled water that goes under desks for staff for emergency management for our Cuba Street office.

We are unable to identify if there were cost for other sites. It also does not include the cost of delivery as we do not have that recorded.

- \$27.29 for spare water bottles for people who come to an outdoor event and forget to bring their water bottles. Having spare water in outdoor events is part of our health and safety plans.

Flowers 2023

Total expenditure on flowers from January 2023 up to and including June 2023 was \$2,001.67.

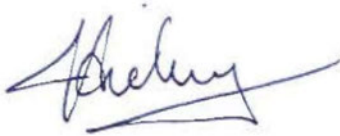
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It does not include plants bought for our nurseries or plants bought for offices.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna Hickey', with a horizontal line underneath.

Donna Hickey
Kaiwhakahaere Matua Whakamāhorahora | Group Manager People and Customer

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