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Request for information 2024-144

I refer to your request for information dated 2 July 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 2 July 2024. You have requested the following:

- I. *“What was your council spend on emergency management capability, and how many staff members did you have within emergency management roles, for the previous 3 financial years.*
- II. *How much is your council budgeting to spend on emergency management capability, and how many staff members will you have within emergency management roles, for the current financial year (1 July 2024- 30 June 2025)”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Greater Wellington Regional Council is part of a consortium of Wellington regional local authorities that established the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group as a joint standing committee of the Councils pursuant to section 12 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (the CDEM Act).

On 23 March 2012, the Joint Committee agreed that the councils’ Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) departments shall be amalgamated to achieve a more coordinated CDEM service delivery. Their operational responsibilities shall be delivered through one body to be known as the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO).

The funding for WREMO is apportioned across the territorial authorities within the Wellington Region based on population. Greater Wellington’s contribution is 33% of the total WREMO funding.

As well as the WREMO capability and capacity, Greater Wellington also has its own emergency management responsibilities under the CDEM Act 2002. Greater Wellington’s spend on emergency management capability, and the number of staff members we have within emergency management roles, for the previous three financial years, is as follows.

	WREMO			GW EM function	
	WREMO total	GW portion	WREMO Staff	Spend	GW Staff
1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022	\$3,886,520	\$1,271,670	32	\$424,324	2
1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023	\$4,269,260	\$1,297,105	31	\$422,159	2
1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024	\$4,344,544	\$1,421,535	30	\$430,888	2

Greater Wellington’s budgeting to spend on emergency management capability, and the number of staff members within emergency management roles, for the current financial year (1 July 2024- 30 June 2025)

	WREMO			GW EM function	
	WREMO total	GW portion	WREMO Staff	Spend	GW Staff
1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	\$6,064,544*	\$1,984,318*	39*	\$430,000	2

*This current financial year is still being confirmed as WREMO awaits the Long Term Plan results and available funding for additional positions. The 2023/24 staff levels are at present the same, but this is expected to increase.

If you have any concerns with the decision 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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