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Bay of Plenty Times and Rotorua Daily Post  
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Dear Kiri

**Official Information Request – Consultant costs**

I refer to your official information request received by Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Council) on 11 October 2022 and later refined on 26 October 2022 where you requested information pertaining to Council's 10 most expensive consultant fees and their related projects in recent years.

The answers to your questions are set out below:

**1. How much money has the council spent on consultant advice so far this year?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under Section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Explicitly providing how much money has been spent on consultant "*advice*" cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This part of your request was invited to be amended or refined in our email to you on 19 October 2022 for the reason mentioned above.

2. **[Refined 26 Oct 2022]: Please provide a breakdown of each individual payment/project for the 10 most expensive consultant fees and their related projects. For each of these, please include exactly how much was paid, who it was paid to, and the reason why (such as key projects like bus patronage). Where possible, please include greater detail to explain the specifics of why consultant advice was sought on specific projects.**

2020			
	Fee Paid	Project	Reason required
1	\$36,924.42	SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	For software that gathers real time data from remote locations – i.e treatment plants
2	\$34,136.35	SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	For software that gathers real time data from remote locations – i.e treatment plants
3	\$29,737.28	SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	For software that gathers real time data from remote locations – i.e treatment plants
4	\$25,500.00	Staff engagement	Staff engagement survey - use of software and analysis of data for review
5	\$22,500.00	Katikati bypass	Pedestrian and traffic data research - Katikati
6	\$22,291.50	SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	For software that gathers real time data from remote locations – i.e treatment plants
7	\$16,922.00	Merrick Road	Merrick Road – Investigations and reports
8	\$11,594.00	Security patrols	Western Bay of Plenty District security patrols: out of business hours and public holidays
9	\$9,365.12	SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	For software that gathers real time data from remote locations – i.e treatment plants
10	\$7,800.00	Business continuity software renewals	One-year operational assistance and monthly reporting

<b>2021</b>			
	<b>Fee Paid</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason required</b>
<b>1</b>	\$32,100.00	Staff engagement	Staff engagement survey - use of software and analysis of data for review
<b>2</b>	\$30,782.74	Yeoman Walkway	Culvert replacement - specialised task
<b>3</b>	\$30,000.00	Roading	Valuation reports
<b>4</b>	\$28,520.90	Security	Security system installment at Ōmokoroa Library
<b>5</b>	\$21,500.00	Rating valuation	Property rating valuation services; Capital, Land and Improvement valuations for rating purposes
<b>6</b>	\$21,500.00	Rating valuation	Property rating valuation services; Capital, Land and Improvement valuations for rating purposes
<b>7</b>	\$21,500.00	Rating valuation	Property rating valuation services; Capital, Land and Improvement valuations for rating purposes
<b>8</b>	\$20,296.46	Security patrols	Western Bay of Plenty District security patrols: out of business hours and public holidays
<b>9</b>	\$15,775.59	Security patrols	Western Bay of Plenty District security patrols: out of business hours and public holidays
<b>10</b>	\$14,678.75	Minden Road	Minden Road extension report

2022			
	Fee Paid	Project	Reason required
1	\$32,100.00	Staff engagement	Staff engagement survey - use of software and analysis of data for review
2	\$26,962.59	Building consents	Provide software for processing, updating and viewing building consent inspections.
3	\$19,200.00	Security patrols	Western Bay of Plenty District security patrols: out of business hours and public holidays
4	\$18,787.99	Recruitment	Impartial recruitment of General Manager - Chief Operating Officer
5	\$16,124.88	Recruitment	Impartial recruitment of General Manager - Corporate Services
6	\$16,000.00	Security patrols	Western Bay of Plenty District security patrols: out of business hours and public holidays
7	\$15,964.88	Recruitment	Impartial recruitment of CEO
8	\$15,525.00	Recruitment	Impartial recruitment of General Manager - Regulatory
9	\$15,525.00	Recruitment	Impartial recruitment of General Manager - Regulatory
10	\$15,400.00	HR Software	HR Software replacement / renewal

**3. Please provide the same information for the year 2021 plus the year 2020.**

See tables above.

The names of the consultants have been withheld under Section 50 of the Privacy Act 2020, as the information is evaluative material that was made available by the agency to another agency, and that other agency may refuse to disclose the information under paragraph (a).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

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