



15 August 2022

File Ref: 5-IM-2

Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA), relating to research project and budget, received on 30 June 2022. Thank you for your co-operation in making sure we provided what you were requiring and granting us extra time to do this. Here is our response.

1. Complete the table relating to budgets and the amount spent on research and science projects for your Council.

Response:

Please find attached the information you have requested. You will note some detail is provided in red font, this is to highlight additional comments provided at the end of the table.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Kezia Spence on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gordon
Group Manager Democracy & Planning

SCIENCE and RESEARCH CONSULTANCY subjects x budgets and people	Budget 2023	Names of budget holders	role title	spent in the last 3 years on research /studies /reports
Air quality	nil	Johan Cullis	Regulatory Manager	nil
Biosecurity	nil			
Civil Defence	\$189,000	Paul Chaffe	Emergency Management Officer	nil
Climate change	\$75,000	Katrina Gray	Senior Strategic Planner	nil
Coastal processes	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
District Planning- land use and hazards	RDC are due to commence the District Plan review in 2023. Some of the funding is likely to be used to generate technical reports e.g. land stability or liquefaction. But we do not currently have a breakdown.	Katrina Gray	Senior Strategic Planner	Marton Rail Hub involved the development of a number of technical reports e.g. ecology, bats, air (not so much scientific research).
Drinking water quality	\$100,000	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Nil
Drought	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Energy planning	nil			
Erosion and sediment deposition	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Extractive resources	nil			
Extreme Weather	nil			
Fire risk and response		Paul Chaffe	Emergency Management Officer	
Flooding- river, coastal	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Geothermal risks	nil			

Groundwater	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Harbour sedimentation	nil			
Insurance Risk Assessment	nil	Dave Tombs	Group Manager - Corporate Services	nil
Lake health	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Landslide dams	nil			
Landslide, avalanche, debris flow	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	
Liquefaction	\$45,900	Johan Cullis	Regulatory Manager	nil
Seismic Hazards	\$150,000	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	nil
Pandemic	nil	Sharon Grant	Group Manager - People & Performance	
Pollution	nil			
Rockfall	\$50,000	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Nil
Subsidence and land instability	Not itemised	Arno Benadie	Group Manager - Assets & Infrastructure	Not itemised
Supply Chain disruption	nil			
Tsunami	nil			
Volcanic Activity	nil			

Biosecurity – is not a district council function

Air quality – nothing provided as this is a regional council function.

Civil Defence - No research has been undertaken in the past few years, and there is no budget allocation for research. CDEM ‘research’ is normally undertaken by the CDEM group (Horizons) unless there is a specific risk to our district. The last such specific risk was the West Taihape Land subsidence Zone, research was undertaken back in early 2006, nothing since.

Fire – this function hasn’t been a responsibility of Council since the inception of FENZ (Fire and Emergency) in 2017.

Pandemic – any expenditure to deal with pandemics is unbudgeted