

- b. Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.
- *The Taxpayers' Union defines consultants as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.*

Response:

The total expenditure on consultants by the Council, for the 2024/2025 financial year, as of 30 June 2025 was \$841,188 (excluding GST).

Council made nil (0) payments to consultants through its share in a CCO for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Council does not receive, or hold, information on consultant hours as a separate component within charges. This is because consultant's invoices do not usually separate labour, material and other costs such as disbursements. Therefore, the total FTE equivalent is not available. The expenditure figure we have provided is the total cost, including labour and other components. For clarity, Council cannot answer this question under Section 17(e) of LGOIMA because the information doesn't exist.

Section 2: Mayor's office

- a. If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.

Response:

Council does not have a dedicated budget allocated to the Mayor's office.

- b. If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.

Response:

The number of staff employed to work within the Mayors Office is 0.35. The job title is Executive Officer.

Section 3: Depreciation and renewals

- a. The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).

Response:

The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$16,948,835. This amount was fully funded through rates.

- b. The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.

Response:

The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$20,072,260 (excluding GST).

- c. What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?

Response:

The actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation was \$5,048,518 (as of 30 June 2025). This balance increased over the 2024/2025 financial year period.

- d. The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:
- New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).
 - Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).
 - Operating Expenses.

Response:

The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025 is none (\$0). Specifically:

- New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals): None (\$0)
- Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments): None (\$0)
- Operating Expenses: None (\$0)

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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