

OIR: 2425/1146

14 October 2024

s7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s7(2)(a),

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **3 October 2024** requesting the following information:

***I have just read via Waikanae Community Board
“He said the council had established its emergency management team in response to last year’s emergency, with 70 staff members now part of that workforce.”***

Please Advise via OIA:

- 1) What are these 70 !!! Staff employed doing? As we are continually told that there is really now no civil defence and we need to know our community and rely on neighbours.***

The 70 staff members are council employees who have volunteered to join the emergency management workforce alongside their regular roles. They operate our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), working on the ground and coordinating with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO), as well as first responders and lifeline services, including Police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, Electra, and others. Additionally, they collaborate with volunteer organizations such as the Red Cross, Animal Evac NZ, and HUHA.

- 2) What is the \$\$\$ amount in salaries for these 70 people?***

No additional salaries as they are already employed by the Council.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

3) Are there any contractors in this number?

No contractors are included in this number.

We trust this is of assistance. If you require any further information, please contact Roddy Hickling, Manager Emergency Management on Roderick.Hickling@kapiticoast.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Jefferson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Jefferson

Group Manager Regulatory and Environment
Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Ture me te Taiao