

OIR: 2425/1058

5 September 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **8 August 2024** requesting the following information:

1. How much money (NZ \$ value) to date has been spent by council assessing the Mansell Family, Otaihanga subdivision (Teiko Street, Otaihanga Road).

The cost for assessing the resource consent applications is on-charged to the applicant and therefore council do not bear any costs for processing, hearings or commissioners.

2. Please provide a breakdown of costs based on staff working on the original consent request that was granted by council back in 2021-2022, the PC2 intensification work required by local Govt (2023 - if costs we absorbed by local council), and now the re-submission for a new consent (2024) until August 8th 2024.

For RM240100 the total invoice amount (including the deposit) to date is \$9,040.75.

This includes:

Admin	0.5 hours	\$59.50
Planner	12.75 hours	\$2,282.25
Engineer	8.5 hours	\$1,479.00

For RM210147 the total invoice amount (including the deposit) was \$44,487.25.

Admin	1.25 hours	\$135.00
Planner	235.80 hours	\$38,501.25
Engineer	7 hours	\$1,141.00

These figures only include the hours worked by staff. External consultants and contractors are included in the breakdown below.

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

The PC2 intensification work imposed on Council by central government did not come with any supporting central government funding, nor has central government provided any mechanism by which Council can recover costs from submitters. This meant Council absorbed all costs it incurred with this plan change (submitters paid for their own costs as well).

Council does not hold information enabling it to break down its costs by any particular submission on PC2, including the Mansell submission.

On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

I'd like a total figure, then I'd like a rundown of:

3. Office/staffing costs for the administration team

RM240100 (Current) – 0.5 hours	\$59.50
RM210147 – 1.25 hours	\$135.00

4. Costs for all the site visits by council staff

Planner – 1.5 hours	\$244.50
Engineer – 1 hour	\$163.00

5. Costs associated with hiring or using 3rd party contractors and consultants to complete council checks (split up into vendor, cost)

For RM210147 we had the following 3rd party contractors and consultant invoices:

Geotechnical Report Peer Review	\$2,530.00
Landscape and Visual Peer Review	\$5,673.87
Peer Review of Revised Landscape & Visual Assessment	\$5,552.20
Independent Commissioner - Mark Ashby	\$6,810.88
Independent Commissioner - Mark Ashby	\$296.13
Independent Commissioner - Phillip Hindrup	\$4,539.00
Independent Commissioner - Phillip Hindrup	\$2,959.25

These invoices were all on-charged to the applicant.

In carrying out Council's responsibility under s36AAA of the Resource Management Act 1991, the following third party contractor invoice was not on-charged to the applicant:

Independent peer reviewer – David McMahon	\$858.00
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As a qualified, independent hearing commissioner, David's expertise was sought to peer review the hearing recommendation report (under s42A) that was presented at the hearing.

For RM240100 no expenses have been on-charged to date apart from the application deposit fee which was invoiced on the 4th of July 2024. This was subsequently paid by the applicant.

6. Any other indirect expenses that have been incurred as part of the consent processes so far (staff travel, hotels, meals, entertainment etc).

The following expenses were charged for RM210147:

Public Notices - Dom Post + Kapiti News	\$2,887.14
Lunch for Commissioners	\$54.30
Lunch for Commissioners	\$35.80

Similar expenses have not been incurred for RM240100 as the application is still under consideration.

Ngā mihi,



James Jefferson

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