

16 April 2025

LGOIMA 25-060

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Request for information for various costs

Thank you for your five email requests dated 17 March 2025, made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA – the Act) for the following:

Request 1:

How many traffic infringement notices including speeding tickets, red light cameras, cell phone use have Wellington Water vehicle drivers incurred in total for each year for the last five years?

How many accidents involving WWL vehicles resulting in damage have occurred for each year for the last five years.

What was the total cost of damage including if it was covered by insurance?

Request 2:

How much has WWL spent over the last five years on services provided by external public relations companies by year?

Request 3:

How much has Wellington Water spent for each year for the last five years on the purchase of branded stationery and marketing material

Request 4:

How much money has WWL spent on the purchase of alcohol, food, entertainment or hospitality services for each year for the last five years?

Request 5:

Please provide a list of companies that have managed projects on WWL's behalf over the last five years by year. Include the total value of those projects by year.

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Act. Please refer to the appendix on the following page that responds to your individual questions.

Please note that it is our policy to publicly release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with your personal information removed.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

Nāku noa nā



Chief Corporate Services Officer

APPENDIX

How many traffic infringement notices including speeding tickets, red light cameras, cell phone use have Wellington Water vehicle drivers incurred in total for each year for the last five years?

There have been 31 traffic infringement notices in between February 2023 to March 2024. In each instance the drivers have paid their own fine.

There have been 35 traffic infringement notices in between March 2024 to March 2025. In each instance the drivers have paid their own fine.

How many accidents involving WWL vehicles resulting in damage have occurred for each year for the last five years.

Vehicle accidents between February 2023 to March 2024

- 9x at fault
- 4x not at fault

Vehicle accidents between March 2024 to March 2025

- 17x at fault
- 13x not at fault

What was the total cost of damage including if it was covered by insurance?

Total Insurance amount between February 2023 to March 2024 (between \$600 and \$500 a claim) is \$4,600.00.

Total Insurance amount between March 2024 to March 2025 (between \$500 to \$1,160 a claim) is \$4,600.00.

Please note that the information above has only been collected in an accessible way since the appointment of the current Fleet Administrator. To collect and collate the information prior to these dates would require substantial collation and research. With the current resources available, we would not be able to disseminate all the information in this search, and administratively this means that part of this aspect of your request is refused under section 17(f)¹ of the Act.

¹ <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0174/latest/DLM123005.html>

How much has WWL spent over the last five years on services provided by external public relations companies by year?

Description	FY2019/20	FY2020/21	FY2021/22	FY2022/23	FY2023/24
External public relations	495,810	328,581	285,198	124,949	64,269
Total (excl GST)	495,810	328,581	285,198	124,949	64,269

The above expenditure relates to services provided by external public relations companies/agencies that are directly charged to Wellington Water Limited only. These cover a range of services such as short term cover for vacancies in the Communications and Engagement Team or for specialist communications advice and support.

These do not include costs related to community engagement for capital projects which are currently outsourced to our contractors/consultants and are indirectly on-charged to Wellington Water Limited.

How much has Wellington Water spent for each year for the last five years on the purchase of branded stationery and marketing material

Wellington Water Limited has spent the following amounts (exclusive of GST) on the purchase of branded stationery and marketing material, and associated costs over the last five financial years:

Description	FY2019/20	FY2020/21	FY2021/22	FY2022/23	FY2023/24
Branded stationery	19,158	10,356	8,454	2,876	4,639
Promotional advertising	338,906	292,077	376,466	166,973	256,064
Printing and design	126,665	37,192	25,718	10,427	16,687
Total (excl GST)	484,729	339,625	410,638	180,276	277,390

Please note that some of the expenditure above includes cost of signage and advertising and printing documents using templates with Wellington Water Limited branding on it. Splitting out the costs further will require additional analysis of the detailed transactions.

Please note that this may not include other costs relating to community engagement for capital projects which are currently outsourced to our consultants, and on-charged indirectly back to Wellington Water Limited.

How much money has WWL spent on the purchase of alcohol, food, entertainment or hospitality services for each year for the last five years?

Wellington Water Limited has spent the following amounts (exclusive of GST) associated with catering, entertainment and hospitality over the last five financial years:

Description	FY2019/20	FY2020/21	FY2021/22	FY2022/23	FY2023/24
Catering	34,734	26,992	17,368	35,815	29,436
Entertainment	8,090	13,964	53,305	50,952	5,822
Venue hire	26,873	11,234	15,401	14,394	21,221
Total (excl GST)	69,697	52,189	86,074	101,162	56,480

Please provide a list of companies that have managed projects on WWL's behalf over the last five years by year. Include the total value of those projects by year.

In addition to Wellington Water Limited's in-house project management team, the following consultants (and sub-contractors) provide project management services for the delivery of our capital projects over the last five years:

- Stantec
 - Stantec
 - Egis
 - Holmes
- GHD
 - GHD
 - Mott MacDonald
 - Vecta
 - Tonkin + Taylor
- Connect Water
 - WSP
 - Beca

Please note that from 3 March 2025, Wellington Water Limited is resetting the contractual set up with our project delivery panels to a model where we have a direct contract and relationship with all key sub-contractors and bringing more of this work in-house.

The total value of these projects has been withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) – *prejudice the commercial portion of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*

In accordance with section 7(1) of the Act, we do not consider the withholding of information under the respective section(s) 7 of the Act is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.