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Tēnā koe Mr McCashin

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2024 to Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *It was recently reported that the cost of leaks in Wellington has increased from \$1,500 to \$4,932 per leak since 2021.*

*Are you able to provide a selection of invoices for the cost of these leaks and for them to include what the costs relate to. Ultimately I want invoices that outline the itemized costs to repair these leaks and compare these against an itemized invoice from 2021.*

*Where have these costs increases come from? By way of an example relating to a couple of leaks I have been past that Wellington Water have been working on are as follows.*

*100 metres of cones from the point of the leak down three different streets (suburban quiet street), 9 workers on site - 2 were working, six were standing around watching and one was sitting, temporary traffic lights and a traffic management vehicle. There was another example whereby there was a traffic management crew on a job in a dead end street?!*

*Ultimately how much of the costs are the own doing of Wellington City Council - Living wage, over regulation for traffic management, cone hireage etc etc etc*

*I am assuming Wellington City Council are asking these questions? Alternatively the overburden of compliance you put on these people have enabled them to game the system with nine workers on site?*

*So please provide an itemized cost for these leaks across the city.*

I am writing to advise you that we have transferred your request to Wellington Water Limited (WWL). The information to which your request relates is not held by the Council but is believed to be held by WWL. In these circumstances, we are required by section 12(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) to transfer your request.

You can expect to hear from WWL concerning your request in due course. Alternatively, you can contact WWL by emailing [official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz](mailto:official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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