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Dear Hugh

Decision and response to LGOIMA request

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 5 September 2019. You requested the following information in regards to the Aro Street and Ohiro Road water leak:

1. When was this leak first reported to the council. If it was before August 22, then please amend my calculations above.
2. What was the flow rate the council determined for the leak. If this was different from 250ml per minute, then please amend my calculations above.
3. When did the council first perform a site visit for the leak (including contractors), and what was the outcome of that initial site visit.
4. What is the estimated cost of fixing the leak at the time it was first reported
5. What is the estimated cost to the environment of fixing the leak at the time it was first reported. I would imagine that the council have this information due to using a "climate change lens" on everything they do now (<https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2019/06/climate-emergency>).
6. What is the total cost spent so far visiting the leak, and fixing the leak?
7. If the leak is still not fixed, then what is the estimated cost of fixing the leak now, on top of the total cost spent so far.
8. What is the total environmental cost so far from the council visiting the leak and fixing the leak? I note again that the council likely has this information ready due to the use of a "climate change lens" for everything the council does.
9. If the leak is still not fixed, then what is the current flow rate, and what environmental cost will this incur by not fixing the leak?
10. What remedial actions need to take place (such as engineers report to determine erosion damage to the road), and what is the expected cost for such remedial actions?
11. What environmental costs are expected for any remedial actions needed from step 10.
12. What are the councils plans for informing the ratepayers of Wellington that they are misusing the ratepayer funds?
13. What is the council doing to ensure that this wastage of ratepayer funds is not done in the future?
14. What are the councils plans to ensure that the "climate change lens" is applied appropriately so that in future there is minimal cost to the environment.

15. What are the councils plans for informing the ratepayers of Wellington that they are failing at applying the "climate change lens" as suggested by the declaration of a climate emergency.

As per my transfer letter dated 24 September 2019 questions 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 have been transferred to Wellington Water Limited to respond directly to your request.

We have responded to each of your questions below:

Question 1: When was this leak first reported to the council. If it was before August 22, then please amend my calculations above.

The Wellington City Council (the Council) received a report on 7 June 2019 regarding a water leak.

Question 5: What is the estimated cost to the environment of fixing the leak at the time it was first reported. I would imagine that the council have this information due to using a "climate change lens" on everything they do now (<https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2019/06/climate-emergency>).

The Council does not hold this information. Under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 this part of your request is declined as the information is not held by the local authority.

Question 7: If the leak is still not fixed, then what is the estimated cost of fixing the leak now, on top of the total cost spent so far.

As the leak has been fixed. Under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 this part of your request is declined as the information is not held by the local authority.

Question 9: If the leak is still not fixed, then what is the current flow rate, and what environmental cost will this incur by not fixing the leak?

The leak has now been fixed. Under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 this part of your request is declined as the information is not held by the local authority.

Question 10: What remedial actions need to take place (such as engineers report to determine erosion damage to the road), and what is the expected cost for such remedial actions?

The Roding team has had engineers check the site during a routine inspection and have not noticed any signs of erosion damage. These inspections did not cost extra for the Council.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision you have the right, under section 27(3) of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review and investigate my decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request. I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Harry', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Asha Harry
Assurance Advisor