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Dear Nick Walker

### **Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your request of 5 December 2014 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

*"...how much the consultation process, undertaken by the Local Government Commission into the proposed council amalgamation in the Wellington region, has cost.*

*The cost should include the total amount spent throughout the process of consulting different bodies leading up to the draft recommendation that nine councils amalgamate.*

*... the final cost figure...broken down to show exactly where the money was spent.*

*...how many different parties were consulted during the process, and when that process officially began and ended.*

*If possible...the budgeted cost of the entire process going forward... how much it is expected to cost altogether."*

I am writing to advise that I have transferred your request to the Department of Internal Affairs pursuant to section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. The information you have requested is not held by the Office of the Minister of Local Government. I believe it to be more closely connected with the functions of the Department, which has administration responsibility for the Local Government Commission.

Yours sincerely

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