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Tēnā koe Adam

**Official information request regarding expenditure on pipes**

Thank you for your request transferred from the Wellington City Council on 15 April 2024 asking for the following:

1. *How much money has been spent on Wellington water pipes in each year over the last 5 years.*
2. *Additionally I request if there has been any upgrades or increase in storage capacity over the last 5 years that could have affected water pressure. What has been the average water pressure across the water network each year for the last 5 years.*

I apologise for the time it has taken to respond to your request.

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987 and is enclosed.

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](http://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](mailto:official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz)

Nāku noa, nā,



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## Appendix

### **1. How much money has been spent on Wellington water pipes in each year over the last 5 years.**

The following table details the total expenditure; Capital and Operational (maintenance, repairs, renewals and upgrades) for drinking water pipes owned by Wellington City Council that are in the Wellington Water pipe network<sup>1</sup>:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>2</sup>
Total spend \$000:	25,014	15,944	18,856	22,491	18,607

Please note the following:

<sup>1</sup> Wellington Water pipes are classified as the drinking water, stormwater and wastewater pipes owned by Wellington City Council, Porirua City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Hutt City Council, South Wairarapa District Council but not the bulk water network owned by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

<sup>2</sup> The financial year is 1 July – 30 June and this information is reported as at end of March 2024

### **2. Additionally I request if there has been any upgrades or increase in storage capacity over the last 5 years that could have affected water pressure. What has been the average water pressure across the water network each year for the last 5 years.**

New storage reservoirs constructed in the last five years have not increased system pressure, as they have been constructed to match the geographical elevation of existing reservoirs.

Wellington Water has an ongoing program of pressure management improvements to reduce areas of high pressure to within the target level of service (25 – 90m pressure). The average supply pressure in the Wellington City Council water supply network is around 65m.