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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

I refer to your official information request dated 2 May 2021 for the following information regarding drug and alcohol testing at Nelson City Council.

1. Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?
2. If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation:
 - a. Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?
 - b. For each (named) service provider:
 - i. What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?
 - ii. In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?
 - iii. Is the service provided under contract? If yes:
 1. How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?
 2. What is the term of that/those contract(s)?
 3. What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?
 4. Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?
 - c. What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of `b` for previous service providers)?

The information you requested follows.

1. Yes, Nelson City Council carries out post-incident and reasonable cause drug and alcohol testing on employees.
- 2.a. Nelson City Council's provider for drug and alcohol testing is Habit Health (formerly called Nelson Nursing Service).
- 2.b.i. Habit Health undertake breath and urine testing for Nelson City Council, for alcohol and cannabinoids.
- 2.b.ii. The geographic location is Nelson city.
- 2.b.iii. No, the testing service is not provided under a contract, but on an as-needed basis.
- 2.b.iii 1 -4 Not applicable due to the fact that the testing service is on an as-needed basis rather than a contract.
- 2.c. No other providers have been used previously.

I apologise for providing incorrect information regarding the name of the current provider in my previous (same date) letter to you.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 with us, please feel free to contact me on stephanie.vincent@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steph', with a large loop at the end.

Stephanie Vincent

Manager People & Capability