

## LGOIMA

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### **Request**

**from:** Taxpayers' Union

**For:** Amount spent by Council for Iwi Engagement/Consultation in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020

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### **Response**

**by:** Pania Lee  
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Dear Neil

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY COUNCIL FOR IWI  
ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020**

I refer to your official information request dated 31 July 2020 for information on:

1. How much has Council paid for iwi engagement/consultation (or similar concept) for each of the last two years?
2. What is the exact breakdown of that expenditure (if any)?
3. For every capital project was there a budget item for iwi engagement / consultation (or similar concept)?
4. If so, by specific project, how much was budgeted and what percentage of the total project cost was it?

The information you requested is enclosed.

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that Council has duties under the Local Government Act 2002 to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision making processes. Council also has statutory obligations in relation to Treaty principles under other statutes such as the Resource Management Act (1991); and the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. In relation to iwi engagement and consultation on Council proposals or projects Council meets its statutory requirements in a number of ways, through:

- Iwi-Council meetings;
- Iwi/Māori engagement on Council strategies; and
- Cultural effects assessments, and cultural monitoring of capital projects for sites of cultural significance.

**How much has Council paid for iwi engagement/consultation (or similar concept) for each of the last two years?**

Nelson City Council does not centralise funding for iwi engagement or consultation, and the financial information provided are indicative estimates only. The data collated is based on a manual analysis of suppliers who provide these types of services to Council.

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In 2018/2019 the estimated spend on iwi engagement and consultation was \$87,908.00, and in 2019/2020 the estimated spend was \$82,225.

**What is the exact breakdown of that expenditure (if any)?**

The table below provides a breakdown of expenditure for iwi engagement/consultation over the past two financial years, in three categories.

| <b>Category</b>         | <b>2018/19</b> | <b>2019/20</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Iwi-Council Meeting Fee | 5,796          | 21,385         |
| Council Strategies      | 70,522         | 37,649         |
| Capital Projects        | 11,590         | 23,191         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>87,908</b>  | <b>82,225</b>  |

**For every capital project was there a budget item for iwi engagement / consultation (or similar concept)?**

Capital projects do not have a specific budget allocation for iwi engagement. Capital projects may allocate budget for general engagement and consultation that may include iwi engagement. The degree to which iwi engage with a capital project will vary depending on the type of activity, and the location of the project.

**If so, by specific project, how much was budgeted and what percentage of the total project cost was it?**

In 2018/2019 the actual capital projects spend was \$37.781 million, and iwi engagement expenditure for capital projects was \$11,590. This equates to 0.031% of the total budget. In 2019/2020 the actual total spend on capital projects was \$37.675 million, and iwi engagement expenditure for capital projects was \$23,191. This equates to 0.062% of the total budget. This is based on approximate figures, and the proportion spent on iwi engagement against the total cost of a project, does not reflect the quality of engagement and consultation between iwi and Council.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Nāku iti, noa

**Pania Lee**

Kaihautū, Manager Māori Partnerships

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**From:** Taxpayers' Union Information Requests <requests@taxpayers.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 July 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Council Enquiries (Enquiry)  
**Subject:** Request for Official Information

**Categories:** Jules, 4 Hours

Dear Sir or Madam,

I request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following information:

1. How much has the Council paid for iwi engagement/consultation (or a similar concept) for each of the last two years?
2. What is the exact breakdown of that expenditure (if any)?
3. For every capital project, was there a budget item for iwi engagement/consultation (or a similar concept)?
4. If so, by specific project, how much was budgeted and what percentage of the total project cost was it?

I am happy to clarify any aspect of this request. My email is [neil@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:neil@taxpayers.org.nz) and my phone number is [REDACTED].

Regards,

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