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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ESTIMATES BOOK AND LTP 24-34 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request dated 11 April 2024 for information relating to the estimates book and LTP 24-34 financial information.

The information you requested is below, each part with our respective answers:

1. The draft estimates book (line 1070) contains budget provisions of \$81,760 (Year 2) and \$178,736 (Year 6) for "Renewal, Basketball Hoops" at Trafalgar Centre. Similarly Line 1117 shows a Year 3 provision of \$606,970 for basketball hoops at Saxton Stadium. What is the basis of these cost estimates (#replacements, unit cost, basis for unit costing)?

- The Trafalgar Centre hoops are removeable units so no installations costs are required. We currently have just two hoops, which means that there are no spares on site if required. Units were quoted at \$80,000 each, one spare to be purchased in year 2 and two new to replace the existing ones in year 6.
- The uninflated costs for the Saxton Basketball Hoops (\$580,000) includes 10 wall mounted hoops based on a quote from a sports equipment provider, plus engineering and electrical and installation costs from estimates from local companies. A 15% market fluctuation was provided because the costs were provided in 2022 and a 25% contingency is also included.

2. What is the current valuation of water, wastewater and stormwater assets?

Current asset valuation of the three waters assets as at 30 June 2023	NZ \$
1. the Nelson drinking water system (Water Supply)	279,234,544
2. the Nelson sewage system and treatment plans (Waste Water)	312,153,933
3. The Nelson stormwater system (Storm Water)	288,768,278
4. 50% share of Nelson Regional Sewerage BU (NRSBU Waste Water)	52,171,441
Total	932,328,197

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3. Could I please have a projection of the changes in the internal loan balances over the life of the Plan by activity centre.

Activities	LTP 2024-34 Year0 2023/24	LTP 2024-34 Year1 2024/25	LTP 2024-34 Year2 2025/26	LTP 2024-34 Year3 2026/27	LTP 2024-34 Year4 2027/28	LTP 2024-34 Year5 2028/29	LTP 2024-34 Year6 2029/30	LTP 2024-34 Year7 2030/31	LTP 2024-34 Year8 2031/32	LTP 2024-34 Year9 2032/33	LTP 2024-34 Year10 2033/34
	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$	NZ\$
Corporate	259,965,209	274,896,002	273,174,507	429,544,746	299,270,900	507,878,178	336,981,729	483,498,110	460,475,309	400,664,362	529,852,730
Economic	(2,092,915)	(2,089,531)	(2,091,223)	(2,082,763)	(2,087,839)	(2,077,687)	(2,086,147)	(2,079,379)	(2,081,071)	(2,084,455)	(2,075,995)
Environmental Management	(5,902,131)	(7,646,660)	(6,601,966)	(11,898,973)	(8,333,766)	(10,561,560)	(10,098,407)	(11,205,889)	(11,633,436)	(11,401,266)	(9,915,336)
Flood Protection	(49,972,298)	(54,653,570)	(51,467,238)	(65,610,863)	(57,148,326)	(75,991,266)	(59,171,043)	(73,336,957)	(70,080,362)	(61,693,878)	(79,917,537)
Parks & Active Recreation	(72,850,683)	(62,930,279)	(76,210,256)	(77,990,980)	(67,528,158)	(81,969,289)	(72,754,362)	(81,613,075)	(81,695,153)	(77,527,817)	(81,289,884)
Social	(38,311,874)	(40,143,228)	(40,295,890)	(86,560,497)	(40,263,154)	(85,319,394)	(45,033,297)	(86,496,663)	(87,700,715)	(81,210,824)	(84,832,854)
Solid waste	(236,263)	(16,263)	(126,263)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Stormwater	(32,790,910)	(35,792,623)	(35,252,050)	(39,207,867)	(34,485,538)	(46,323,899)	(36,134,441)	(43,908,323)	(40,933,138)	(37,098,448)	(46,844,290)
Transport	(13,809,231)	(22,428,200)	(17,739,219)	(52,946,896)	(29,637,718)	(72,945,927)	(42,239,114)	(66,924,359)	(61,843,025)	(47,124,183)	(81,975,761)
Wastewater	(6,316,841)	(9,537,533)	(5,338,902)	(39,775,155)	(17,403,193)	(71,474,881)	(23,500,015)	(60,359,519)	(50,090,752)	(31,391,696)	(79,666,091)
Water Supply	(37,682,062)	(39,658,114)	(38,051,499)	(53,470,749)	(42,383,205)	(61,214,272)	(45,964,900)	(57,573,943)	(54,417,654)	(51,131,792)	(63,334,979)

4. Has there been any "sensitivity" analysis undertaken on the financial projections without 3 water assets and 3 water income to see what debt ratios look like under that scenario? If there has been such analysis, can I have a copy please.

- We have not worked on such an analysis. With changes in government and uncertainty about future legislation, this was not required. However, from previous analysis, the 3 waters are more indebted than the rest of Council.

5. Line 982 of the estimates book shows a budget item of \$1.6 million in Year 4 of the Plan for Trafalgar Park Tower lights renewals. What is the reason for this? When were the existing light towers installed?

- The lights were installed in 2011, the funding is to replace the light towers. Part of the funding in year two will be used to undertake a thorough condition assessment of the existing towers, this will help to inform the timing of when the renewal work is required and to refine the scope of the project.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Prabath Jayawardana Prabath.jayawardana@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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