



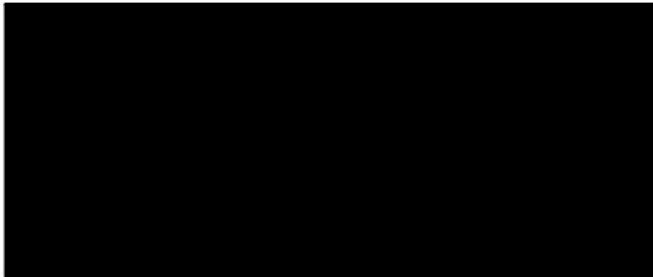
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST - EXTERNAL CONSULTANT FUNDING

I refer to your official information request dated 16 November 2024 relating to iwi authorities and their commercial entities. Each part of your request is reproduced here in bold type, with our responses below each one:

1. All monies paid by the NCC to iwi authorities and their commercial entities (and which iwi authorities) for the individual financial years ended 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Council recognises Treaty settlements with eight Te Taihū iwi: Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngā Rārua, Ngāti Tama, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Rangitāne, and Rangitāne. These iwi are engaged at varying levels through operational forums, including Te Ohu Taiao (Environmental Forum) and Te Ohu Toi Ahurea (Arts & Heritage Forum), with each forum discussing approximately 40 projects per year. Other significant forums include the Iwi Working Group for the Nelson Plan, and Te Puna Kōrero (a joint Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council forum) on freshwater planning.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Council has a duty to facilitate Māori participation in decision-making, alongside statutory obligations related to Treaty principles under other legislation, such as the Resource Management Act 1991. The Council is committed to building meaningful partnerships with iwi and allocates resources to ensure it meets its legislative responsibilities.

From 2021 to 2024, Council paid a total of \$361,047.24 to iwi authorities and their commercial entities to support its legislative requirements, averaging \$90,261.81 per year, or about \$11,282.73 per iwi annually. These payments vary based on the size, scope, and nature of the tasks involved, with some services subject to negotiated or funding rates, and specialised advice, particularly in limited markets, attracting higher rates. Below is an outline of services and a breakdown of costs.

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Iwi Service	Year 1 (2021)	Year 2 (2022)	Year 3 (2023)	Year 4 (2024)
Te Ohu Taiao	4604.35	8350	9998.12	15660
Te Ohu Toi Ahurea	4000	5650	9510	12596
Resource consents	26000	26000	26000	40000
Iwi Working Group	6809.81	19218.34	7718.77	0
Te Puna Kōrero	0	0	2245.63	5969
Other engagement	29551.85	21573.94	16643.10	62948.33
Total	\$70,966.01	\$80,792.28	\$72,115.62	\$137,173.33

During this period, the Council engaged external providers to support iwi monitoring services, with iwi service providers involved in approximately 100 infrastructure projects, at an average cost of \$3,000 per project.

2. The contracts entered into between the NCC and the iwi authorities and their commercial entities for the years ended 2021, 2022, 20223 and 2024; and the contract value of each of those contracts:

As referred to in question 1.

3. Any monies paid by the NCC in addition to committee membership salaries to iwi representatives for the financial years ended 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and the classification of those monies, including for any expenses claimed;

No payments, beyond committee membership fees, were made to iwi representatives.

4. Any monies classified as 'koha' and paid by the NCC for the financial years ended 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Koha is an unconditional gift, given without expectation, but serves to acknowledge and contribute to the costs of participation, such as travel. From 2021 to 2024, Council paid a total of \$11,200 in koha (approximately \$2,800 per year) to acknowledge support from individuals and groups at civic, community, and ceremonial events, as well as school performances at monthly citizenship ceremonies.

5. The listing of any and all contracts for service (or otherwise), currently in existence and between the NCC, iwi authorities and their commercial entities, and their monetary value.

As referred to in question 1.

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 decision with us, please feel free to contact Pania Lee on pania.lee@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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