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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 2 May 2021 for Drug & alcohol pathology/testing at Hutt City Council.

For ease of reference we have included our responses next to your questions.

1. Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?

Answer: The Hutt Council have a Drug and Alcohol Policy document which outlines the council's policy for drug and alcohol testing. When required, as outlined in the policy document, testing will be undertaken. This testing is for internal staff only.

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)?

Answer: When testing is required, Hutt City Council use TDDA.

- 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?

Answer: Drug testing: urine, alcohol testing: breath alcohol testing.

- ii. In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?

Answer: Wellington

- iii. Is the service provided under contract?

Answer: No. We are therefore declining the remaining questions, 1, 2, 3, 4 and c of this question under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information does not exist.

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)?

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

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