



23 February 2026

Ryan Foster

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Tēnā koe Ryan,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 3 February 2026, seeking information on capital and infrastructure projects where final costs exceeded initial approved budgets over the past five financial years. Specifically, you requested:

“For the past five financial years, please provide a list of all capital and infrastructure projects where final costs exceeded initial approved budgets, including original budget, final cost, percentage variance, and reasons provided for the overrun”.

Answer:

In response to your request, Council interprets “the past five financial years” as the financial years ending 30 June 2021, 30 June 2022, 30 June 2023, 30 June 2024, and 30 June 2025. Information about capital and infrastructure projects, including approved budgets, actual spend, variances, and commentary on significant variances, is reported in Council’s Annual Reports for those years. The information you have requested is therefore publicly available in those documents. Percentage variances can be calculated from the figures provided. We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA because the information is publicly available. You can find Council’s Annual Reports here: [Annual Reports | Hutt City Council](#).



If you intended your request to include the period from 1 July 2025 to 3 February 2026, Council holds only interim and unaudited year to date information for capital projects. This does not represent final project costs and will not be finalised until year end. As your request is for projects where final costs exceeded approved budgets, Council does not hold final cost information for that period. We would therefore refuse that part of the request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the specific information requested is not held.

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: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi nui



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