



6 August 2026

Joy Gribben

**Section 7(2)(a)**

Tēnā koe Joy,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 12 June 2026, seeking information on Council spending on recovery and resilience building in relation to weather related natural disasters over the past 20 years. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Costs of recovery, in as much detail as available, from weather related natural disasters over the past 20 years – inclusive 2006 to 2025.*
- 2. Please provide detail of any funds provided by Government so I can avoid double counting (I'm doing the same for Central Government).*
- 3. Costs of resilience building work you have carried out over the past 20 years – inclusive 2006 to 2025.*
- 4. Any supporting information such as briefings on these events or reports on these events.*

On 25 June 2026, we wrote to you to explain that Council has not declared any weather-related states of emergency between 2006 and 2025, and as a result, we do not hold information recorded as recovery from “weather-related natural disasters” over that period. We advised that your request would need to be reframed to reflect the way information is held and invited you to refine it.

Later that day, you responded with a refined request seeking actual spending on projects that either recover from or build resilience to extreme weather events and provided a list of examples. We also spoke with you by phone on 25 June to better understand the information you are seeking.

Following this, we wrote to you again on 25 June 2026 to confirm our understanding of your refined request, noting that much of the material you referred to does not relate to identifiable projects or include cost information. We asked whether you would be happy for us to proceed on the basis of providing cost information for identifiable projects and programmes only, reflecting the way this information is held by Council.

On 8 July 2026, you confirmed that you were happy for Council to proceed on the basis of providing information on:

1. costs associated with the running of emergency management activities between 2006 and 2025;
2. costs associated with recovery work between 2006 and 2025; and
3. cost information for identifiable resilience-building projects and programmes only, reflecting the way information is held by Council, specifically:
  - Tupua Horo Nuku / Eastern Bays seawall works;
  - RiverLink (Council-held cost information only); and
  - stormwater modelling and flood modelling programmes, including programme-level budgets where available.

You acknowledged that Council does not hold information that would enable it to identify and report all spending related to resilience-building activities over the period requested and agreed that the response would be limited to identifiable projects and programmes for which recorded cost information is held.

Additionally, on 8 July 2026, we advised that an extension of the statutory timeframe was required under section 14(a) of the LGOIMA, as the request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original timeframe would have unreasonably interfered with Council's

operations. We advised that Council's response would therefore be provided by 11 August 2026.

**Answer:**

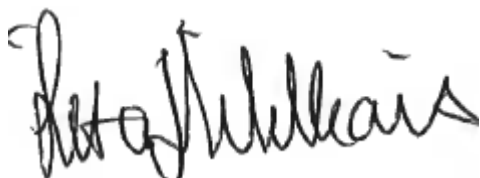
The attached appendix 1 contains information Council was able to identify related to resilience, emergency management and events.

Council has considered whether the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it and has concluded that it does not.

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.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases - Hutt City Council](#).

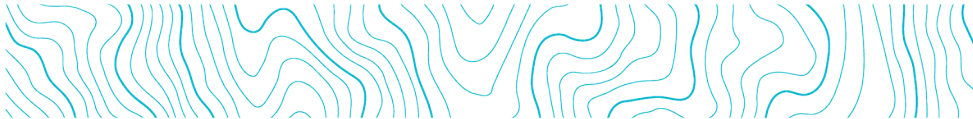
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Lisa Williams

**Senior Advisor, Official Information**





Appendix 1

Summary Of Costs By Year

| Description                                 | 2005-06   | 2006-07   | 2007-08  | 2008-09   | 2009-10  | 2010-11   | 2011-12   | 2012-13   | 2013-14   | 2014-15   | 2015-16   | 2016-17   | 2017-18   | 2018-19   | 2019-20   | 2020-21   | 2021-22   | 2022-23     | 2023-24    | 2024-25    | 2025-26    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Operating                                   | Actual    | Actual    | Actual   | Actual    | Actual   | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Amount    | Amount    | Amount      | Amount     | Amount     | Amount     |
| Transport Capital Subsidies                 | (40,178)  | (561,185) | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | (638,539) | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | (811,788)  | 0          |
| Transport Operating Subsidies               | (178,722) | (213,766) | (65,381) | (276,511) | (84,729) | (167,993) | (88,634)  | (183,948) | (279,795) | (161,827) | (114,980) | (214,648) | (355,050) | (128,303) | (117,485) | (169,065) | (295,338) | (934,501)   | (907,749)  | (161,607)  | (454,113)  |
| Other Subsidies                             | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | (693,189)   | (70,130)   | 0          | (249,501)  |
| Total Revenue                               | (218,900) | (774,951) | (65,381) | (276,511) | (84,729) | (167,993) | (727,173) | (183,948) | (279,795) | (161,827) | (114,980) | (214,648) | (355,050) | (128,303) | (117,485) | (169,065) | (295,338) | (1,627,690) | (977,879)  | (973,396)  | (703,614)  |
| Transport Unsubsidised Storm, Floods, Slips | 80,565    | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1,375,031   | 1,105,844  | 15,813     | 166,521    |
| Transport Subsidised Storm, Floods, Slips   | 350,435   | 419,150   | 128,198  | 344,295   | 166,135  | 329,398   | 173,793   | 360,682   | 548,617   | 317,308   | 225,451   | 420,878   | 696,177   | 251,574   | 230,362   | 331,499   | 579,093   | 1,832,355   | 674,056    | 316,877    | 890,417    |
| Wastewater Storm, Floods, Slips             | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Stormwater Storm, Floods, Slips             | 0         | 127,210   | 24,115   | 48,141    | 0        | 45,052    | 0         | 30,010    | 2,369     | 50,037    | 16,700    | 185,744   | 17,778    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Parks Storm, Floods, Slips                  | 223,114   | 149,463   | 124,740  | 2,142     | 14,700   | 6,381     | 0         | 266,837   | 611,831   | 0         | 0         | 28,113    | 80,959    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 38,564      | 180,529    | 57,628     | 999,514    |
| Other Storm, Floods, Slips                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 33,025    | 16,596   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 47,351    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | 4,385      | 112,832    |
| Earthquake                                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 353,850   | 38,177    | 16,150    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Total Costs                                 | 654,115   | 695,822   | 277,052  | 427,602   | 197,431  | 380,831   | 173,793   | 657,529   | 1,183,908 | 367,345   | 242,151   | 1,040,972 | 833,091   | 267,724   | 230,362   | 331,499   | 579,093   | 3,245,950   | 1,960,428  | 394,702    | 2,169,285  |
| Net                                         | 435,215   | (79,129)  | 211,672  | 151,091   | 112,702  | 212,838   | (553,381) | 473,581   | 904,113   | 205,518   | 127,171   | 826,325   | 478,041   | 139,421   | 112,877   | 162,435   | 283,756   | 1,618,260   | 982,549    | (578,693)  | 1,465,671  |
| Capital spend                               |           |           |          |           |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |             |            |            |            |
| Roading Bridge Renewal                      | 748,000   | 748,000   | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Roading Network Resilience                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1,683,151   | 4,888,388  | 285,636    | 456,708    |
| Roading Slip Remediation                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 176,803    | 1,797,650  | 0          |
| Tupua Horo Nuku (includes seawall)          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2,610,433 | 13,227,773  | 19,929,672 | 28,829,413 | 17,151,473 |
| Total                                       | 748,000   | 748,000   | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2,610,433 | 14,910,924  | 24,994,864 | 30,912,698 | 17,608,181 |
| Emergency Management Costs                  | 601,279   | 640,893   | 656,510  | 701,261   | 687,144  | 738,807   | 859,157   | 735,308   | 731,064   | 822,899   | 763,828   | 774,862   | 915,427   | 805,356   | 695,016   | 938,038   | 744,761   | 917,285     | 996,263    | 1,406,863  | 1,366,869  |

Notes

1. The above costs have been identified by searching all accounts and selecting individual accounts using key word such as storms, floods, slips, etc.
2. These costs have been broken down into the main areas that have been affected by storms, floods, slips, etc, i.e. Transport, Parks, Stormwater etc
3. There may be other costs linked to storms, floods, slips etc that we have simply not been able to identify. For example clean up work may be captured as part of our normal programmed work.
4. The earthquake costs shown relate to the Kaikoura event in November 2016. These costs were spread over most of our infrastructure and facilities with work being carried out over a number of years following the event.
5. 2005-06 and 2006-07 at a cost of about \$850,000 Council replaced a bridge in Moores Valley Rd Wainuiomata that was badly damaged following recent storms and flooding.
6. From 2022-23 to 2025-26 there have been a number of significant storm event resulting in significant damage and costs including a large slip at the entrance to Stokes Valley and another slip at Point Howard in Eastbourne. Costs shown in those years reflect the impact of these events
7. Over the years Council has made significant investment to improve our resilience to major events. For the 20 years this investment can be found in the capital spend mainly covered under the Stormwater Activity in our Annual Reports. Recent capital investment outside of the Stormwater Activity also includes roading network resilience and slip remediation.
8. We have also worked closely with the Greater Wellington Regional Council over the 20 year period to improve flood protection with the construction of stop banks and major cleanup of many of our more significant water ways, e.g. Waiwhetu Stream and Awamutu Stream.