



15 June 2026

Kate Clark

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Tēnā koe Kate,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 20 May 2026, seeking information about Petone Library budgets for community events and programmes for the year ending 30 June 2026. Specifically, you requested:

"I would like to request the financial details of the Petone Library budgets for the year ending 30 June 2026 for community events/programmes. Or if these events/programmes are unable to be separated, for all events/programmes.

The information should include, but not be limited to, refreshments, heating, lighting, staff time, cleaning, set-up, pack-down, equipment usage, event consumables."

Answer:

In response to your request, the dedicated budget for Petone Library holiday programmes and other programming for the 2025/26 financial year is \$4,000.

Council's financial system records expenditure against this budget line over time. As at the date of this response, approximately \$3,820 has been spent from this budget, with this total made up of smaller amounts recorded progressively throughout the financial year.

Most programmes delivered through Petone Library are community-led. Where Council staff support programme delivery, this forms part of their usual duties while they are onsite supporting the day-to-day operation and public use of the library and hub space.

We are unable to provide a breakdown of costs such as refreshments, heating, lighting, staff time, cleaning, set-up, pack-down, equipment usage, or event consumables. This information is not recorded in a way that enables it to be isolated for individual programmes or events and providing it would require the creation of new information.

Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, as the information 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.

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

Ngā mihi nui



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