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Tēnā koe Jack

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

We refer to your official information request dated 29 November 2022 for the following:

1. *Copies of any estimates on the value of Three Waters debt and assets as at 30th June 2022 and any consolidated reporting undertaken by officials.*
 - a. *How does the above information compare and contrast to estimates provided to in 2020 at both a territorial authority and consolidated level.*
2. *Copies of Three waters proposed staff transition guidelines that outline the transfer and recruitment of staff to the water services entities including those prepared in July 2022 and updated in late 2022, including any information re implementation timelines.*

As at 30 June 2022, the estimated value of assets that would transfer over to the new entity is \$624.6M and the value of Three Waters' related debt has been calculated as \$59.2M.

The planned transition date is 1 July 2024. A process is underway, directed by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), to plan and agree the methodology to be applied for the financial impacts as at that date. The outcomes of this process are uncertain at this stage and consequently the asset and debt values may vary.

With regards to your question 1(a), we advise that the DIA's website (www.dia.govt.nz) holds a range of historical information of this nature.

The staff transition guidelines were developed by the DIA. I particularly refer you to material about the Transition Unit ([DIA National Transition Unit](http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/three-waters-reform-programme-2021/$file/three-waters-transition-information-pack-january-2022.pdf)) on its website and to its Transition Information Pack ([www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/three-waters-reform-programme-2021/\\$file/three-waters-transition-information-pack-january-2022.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/three-waters-reform-programme-2021/$file/three-waters-transition-information-pack-january-2022.pdf)).

We recommend that you review the extensive material on DIA's website and, if required, direct any further queries to DIA in the first instance.

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.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sales".

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