

**From:** [Allie Dunn](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CM: Response to request for information about publication of Council financial reports  
**Date:** Tuesday, 9 December 2025 7:54:00 am  
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Kia ora [REDACTED]

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out the requirements for preparing and adopting in respect of each financial year an annual report which compares the actual performance of the Council with the intended activities and level of performance proposed in the Annual Plan for that year.

The information contained within the Annual Report is audited by Audit New Zealand.

You can view the published Annual Reports on the Council website from the following page: <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/annual-report>

Reports are published for each financial year back to 2016-17.

Refer to the Local Government Act 2002 (available online from [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz)) for the rules applicable to Council.

Ngā mihi



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 December 2025 5:24 am  
**To:** Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Info <info@ombudsman.parliament.nz>; Scott Gilmore <Scott.Gilmore@Tararua.govt.nz>; Malcolm Alexander <Malcolm.Alexander@Tararua.govt.nz>;

Mike.Butterick@parliament.govt.nz

**Subject:** Re: Response to LGOIMA request re current financial information history on all tenders and contracts received and accepted including the actual amount paid for the past 10 years

**EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT:** Caution advised. This message is from an external sender. Verify the sender's identity and use caution with attachments and links.

Tēnā koe Allie,

Understood. Before proceeding with any narrowing of the LGOIMA request I require you to explain: what financials within local government legally have to be publicly available (such as the Profit and Loss Summary and other tax reports from the accountants for its financial year) and the length of time they must be legally publicly available for.

Failure to adequately answer this question shall result in it becoming a LGOIMA request.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

On Monday, December 8th, 2025 at 5:08 PM, Allie Dunn  
<[Allie.Dunn@Taranuadc.govt.nz](mailto:Allie.Dunn@Taranuadc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

We acknowledge your approval to proceed with your request as originally formulated, and your agreement to pay for the officer time that would be involved in research and collation of documentation within scope of your request.

We originally estimated this work could take in excess of 8 hours, with only the first hour of officer time being provided at no charge. The remaining time would need to be charged out at our rate as set in the Fees and Charges publicised on our website, which is currently set at \$100.00 per hour.

Subsequent to your email asking us to proceed, we have looked further into the level of work involved in answering your request, and believe it will take significantly more time than initially estimated to provide. The search results show over 1,000 documents to be reviewed, just on one of the search criteria. Searching on the second search criteria, again over 1,000 documents would

need to be reviewed. Even if reviewing each document took only 3 minutes of officer time per document, this would take over 50 hours of work to review and check 1,000 documents. This level of work is beyond the resources of this Council to respond to, as it would divert officer resources away from key responsibilities for a significant length of time.

Therefore we again ask that you refine and narrow the scope of your request, to be focused on particular information or a particular tender process that you need the information for.

As currently framed, we are unable to provide the information you are seeking without applying substantial officer resource which is currently beyond the ability of our limited resources to divert to this task. Therefore we must refuse to supply the information sought in your original request for information, due to the substantial work that would be required for research and collation, under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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Proceed with original request.

[REDACTED]

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On Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at 9:46 AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Understood.

[REDACTED]

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On Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 3:44 PM, Simone Anthony <[Simone.Anthony@Taranuadc.govt.nz](mailto:Simone.Anthony@Taranuadc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Jared,

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding all current financial information history you have on all tenders and contracts received and accepted including the actual amount paid for the past 10 years .

**The information you have requested will take approximately 8 hours to compile at a minimum.**

Please note that charges will apply after the first hour of work, unless you choose to refine or narrow your request so that we can answer your request within 60 minutes of Officer time.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 8 December 2025, being 20 working days after the

day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi,



**Simone Anthony | Democracy  
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Tēnā koutou TDC and TDC CEO,

LGOIMA REQUEST:

1. I require all current financial information history you have on all tenders and contracts received and accepted including the actual amount you have paid for the past 10 years.

Received receipt and request acknowledgement required.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 November 2025 2:17 pm  
**To:** Info - Tararua District Council  
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Allie Dunn <[Allie.Dunn@Tararuadc.govt.nz](mailto:Allie.Dunn@Tararuadc.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Scott Gilmore  
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**Subject:** LGOIMA REQUEST

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 November 2025 9:47 am  
**To:** Simone Anthony <[Simone.Anthony@Tararuadc.govt.nz](mailto:Simone.Anthony@Tararuadc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA REQUEST