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Subject: Response to LGOIMA re Tararua District Council - 2026 Ratepayers" Report 3/3
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I am writing in response to your official information request dated 21 January 2026 seeking information on contractors and consultants, Mayor's office budget and depreciation.

The information you have requested is outlined below.

1. Contractors and consultants

- *Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.*
- *Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.*

Total expenditure on contractors 2025 \$15,886,630. Council does not hold detail to determine FTE equivalents. CCOs N/A

Total expenditure on consultants 2025 \$2,046,561. Council does not hold detail to determine FTE equivalents. CCOs N/A

2. Mayor's office

- *Total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.*
- *FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.*

Budget for 2025 - \$929,402 (incl Mayor and Councillor remuneration, operational budgets & staff budgets)

Budget for 2026 - \$902,268 (incl Mayor and Councillor remuneration, operational budgets & staff budgets)

2x FTE, PA to the Mayor, a portion of the Manager Democracy Services, Democracy Support Officer and the Group Manager responsible for this activity.

3. Depreciation and renewals

- *The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).*

Total depreciation funded for 2025 - \$17,930,809 (subsidy \$8,376,490, rates \$9,554,319)

- *The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.*

Total cash spent for 2025 \$47,567,000

- *What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?*

Balance at 30 June 2025 \$28,207,252, decreased from opening balance 1 July 2024 of \$28,207,252 – movement = \$157,872

- *The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:*
 - *New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).*
 - *Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).*
 - *Operating Expenses.*

N/A - depreciation funds are not used for new capital/growth projects, debt repayment or operating expenses.

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.

Ngā mihi



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Sent: Wednesday, 21 January 2026 12:48 pm

To: Info - Tararua District Council

Subject: Tararua District Council - 2026 Ratepayers' Report 3/3

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Hello,

The Taxpayers' Union is in the process of preparing the 2026 Ratepayers' Report for the 2024/25 financial year. This is request number 3 of 3.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable.

I request the following information for the **2024/25 Financial Year**:

1. Contractors and consultants

- Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.
 - *The Taxpayers' Union defines contractors as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.*
- Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.
- - *The Taxpayers' Union defines consultants as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.*

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- If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.

If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.

3. Depreciation and renewals

- The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).
- The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.
- What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?
- The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:
 - New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).
 - Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).
 - Operating Expenses.

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To avoid unnecessarily printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response, and any other correspondence to ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz

Please include the following reference in the subject line: [Council name] - Ratepayers' Report 2026 3/3

If you have any questions, please reply directly to this email. We expect a response within twenty working days.

Regards,

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

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