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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Project Management Office - Consultant Costs Ref: OIA 085/23
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 20 July 2023 for the following information:

1. *Could you tell me how much of the \$6,264,875 spent to date on consultants for the Project Management Office has come from ratepayers and how much from the Government?*
2. *Also, in addition to the consultants working in the office, how many are working for the office (ie working remotely)?*

The information you have requested is as follows:

1. The amount of \$6,264,875 is GST inclusive, the GST exclusive value is \$5,447,717.

\$874,109 of this project management has been spent on Buller funded projects predominantly relating to water upgrades and improvements which are funded from a combination of targeted water rates and the raising of debt for the capital work being undertaken.

The balance of \$4,573,608 of project management costs relates to projects funded by a variety of central government funding sources.

2. Of the 7 - 10 consultants that are currently engaged at the Project Management Office, a small number of these (2-3) work primarily remotely, dependant on the stage of the project.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

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Kind regards

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