

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Proposed Rates Increase Query Ref: OIA 074/24
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your inquiry dated 6 June 2024 regarding the proposed rate increase and the new government requirements. We understand the importance of transparency and accountability in these matters.

Your request was as follows:

*BDC has recently claimed that the current proposed rate increase is partly due to new government requirements for which no funding has been provided.
Please provide copies of all your correspondence (from the past 12 months) requesting funding from those government departments that you refer to as requiring your expenditure of ratepayer funds on new tasks.*

We would like to clarify that BDC has not advised that there is no funding available for these new tasks - We are keen to understand the source of this assertion, as it does not reflect our communications or current understanding.

To better assist you with your request, we seek to understand the full extent of the information you require. Specifically, we would appreciate clarification on the following points:

1. The specific government departments or agencies to which you refer
2. When / where BDC stated that there was no funding available

This information will allow us to give a more detailed answer to your request.

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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