

From: BDC Lgoima
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Alternative Waste Management - Costs Ref: OIA 090/25
Date: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 1:36:08 pm
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 29 August, your query was as follows:

It has been quoted regularly, in the immediate past, that council has spent \$500,000 on investigating/consulting on alternate rubbish disposal regimes.

Please provide copies of all documents that record what has been spent and where it was spent. Apart from determining where this money was spent it is of interest to determine how much of the sum spent may have been BDC internal staff time.

The information you have requested is as follows:

The table below outlines costs to date and future expected costs.

There are two notes for the numbers in the table.

- The report states \$423,000 as cost to date, the table has picked up a recent legal cost to bring the total to approx. \$431k
- Cost to complete includes an allowance for contingency of \$16k

Contractor/Jobs	Total to 30 March 2025	To be completed	Total Final
Tonkin & Taylor (Regional Strategic Support - Regional Joint Commite)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,000.00
Team Project Advisory (Regional Procurement Plan)	\$ 21,804.00	\$ -	\$ 21,804.00
FVM Lawyers (Regional Joint Commite, Legal advise)	\$ 34,004.00	\$ -	\$ 34,004.00
Consultations (Comms, Videos, Reports)	\$ 20,580.00	\$ -	\$ 20,580.00
Bruce Buxton - Contract extension	\$ 3,272.24	\$ -	\$ 3,272.24
Morrison Low (Statement of Proposal, Procurement Plan, Request for Proposal, Tender Support)	\$ 255,599.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 294,599.00
Procurement New Zealand (Probitor and Auditor)	\$ 46,301.00	\$ -	\$ 46,301.00
Simpson Griersom (Legal advise)	\$ 16,419.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,419.00
Total	\$ 430,979.24	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 474,979.24

The funds spent to date have covered costs such as:

- Tender scope and options
- Public consultation
- Legal and probity
- Tender assessment
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and have provided useful input into the waste tender process.

This covers all costs from April 2022 until March 2025.

Note – we do not have a record of the specific staff time allocated to this. Those costs have been absorbed into general costs and are unable to be separated. We are therefore required to refuse this part of your request under section 17 (e) the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act as this information does not exist.

The documentation attached represents our best efforts to locate material relevant to your request. However, the search process is by no means an exact science. It is possible that there may be other items of relevance that have been unintentionally missed in the search.

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->

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Kind regards

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