

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Project Management Office - Cost Claims Information Ref: OIA 107/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, 10 September 2024 4:52:24 pm  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 13 August 2024 regarding the Project Management Office, Cost Claims Information.

Part of the information you have requested is marked below in red. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to questions 1 and second part of question 2 under section 7 (2)(a), (2)(b) and (h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act as marked below;

Section 7 (2)

- a) Protect the privacy of natural persons.
- b) Protect information where the making availability of the information would (i) disclose a trade secret or (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Your queries were as follows:

*"Evidence was found supporting the allegations that BDC submitted claims for costs associated with management of the PMO that in KPMG's view, fell outside the parameters set by external funding agencies."*

- 1. *What evidence was found? Withholding under Sections 7 (2)(a) and 7 (2)(b)*
- 2. *What were the claims for? Project management costs . How much money were they for? Withholding under Section 7 (2)(h)*
- 3. *Who were the claims sent to? NEMA and Waka Kotahi*
- 4. *Were the claims paid? Yes some were*
- 5. *if so by which external funding agencies and will they be repaid? We are working through a process with our funding partners relating to claims.*
- 6. *If not, who will pay for the costs? See Q 5 above.*

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.

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](mailto: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-igoma-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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