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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-100

I refer to your request for information dated 24 April 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 24 April 2023. You have requested the following:

“This is a request for official information under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 relating to graphic designers within your organisation.

We request the following information:

- *How many in-house graphic designers does your organisation employ?*
- *What is the budget for in-house/employed graphic designers?*
- *How much has been spent on contracting external graphic designers?*
 - *If external contractors have been used, why did your organisation not use your employed/in-house graphic designers?*
- *If employed/in-house or external contractors have been used to design a report in the last 12 months, was the report made public?*
 - *If not, why not?”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Greater Wellington Regional Council employs three in-house designers. Their salaries added up to a total of \$277,161 for 2022/23.

Greater Wellington also uses external designers to manage increased workload periods or to fulfil skillset or capabilities that we do not have in house. In 2022/23 Greater Wellington spent \$110,213 on external designers.

All reports that designers have worked on have been released to the public.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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