



11 March 2025



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0700

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to the Budget for the Emergency Management and Recovery portfolio

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, the following two parts of which were partially transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 26 February 2025, from the Office of Hon Minister Mark Mitchell, insofar as they relate to the Emergency Management and Recovery (EMR) portfolio:

1. *All budgetary accounts of all of your portfolios from November 2023 to 19 February 2025.*
2. *Please include all relevant information around paid consultants from November 2023 to 19 February 2025."*

I have interpreted:

- part one of your request as being for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 annual appropriations for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC's) Cyclone Recovery Unit (CRU); and
- part two as being for NEMA's and CRU's expenditure on consultants and/or contractors for the period 27 November 2023 (the date of the Ministerial warrant) to 19 February 2025, the date of your request.

Part One

For the 2023/24 financial year, appropriation information for NEMA and CRU can be found in the DPMC Annual Report, which is available on our website – see especially page 53 onwards: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-10/dPMC-annual-report-2024.pdf>.

For the 2024/25 financial year, NEMA's and CRU's annual appropriation information is publicly available through the Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet (Vote PMC) Estimates of Appropriations 2024/25 documents on the Treasury's website: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-06/est24-v4-pmCab.pdf>. Unlike the appropriation information found in the Annual Report, this information may be amended through the Supplementary Estimates 2024/25 process, confirmed through Budget 2025. Information on the final value of appropriations will be confirmed following completion of DPMC's annual audit and published in its Annual Report.

Accordingly, I have refused part one of your request under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is publicly available.

Part Two

NEMA's and CRU's total expenditure on consultants and contractors for the 2023/24 financial year is publicly available in Appendix 5 of DPMC's Annual Review on the Parliament website: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCGOA_EVI_6e98c62c-f3ab-41ab-b3eb-08dd0731b318_GOA31349/b7baf6f7ca846b893fd4ec7284755755966f930e.

The expenditure on consultants and contractors for part of the 2024/25 financial year, 1 July-30 September 2024 is also publicly available. This can be found in Appendix 7 of the above document.

Accordingly, I have refused these parts of your request under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is publicly available.

For the period 1 October – 31 December 2024, I can advise that CRU has not spent any money on consultants or contractors. NEMA has spent \$285,377.73. A breakdown of this expenditure is included in Appendix 1.

Finally, information regarding contractor and/or consultant expenditure for the period 1 January-19 February 2025 cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act. This information will however be provided in the Quarter 3 return to the Public Service Commission and will be published in the Estimates Examination for Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet later this year – usually in late June.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā,



Clare Ward
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Appendix 1

Name of the company	Name of Consultant, Contractor, Temporary worker	Type of service	High level description of purpose of the engagement	Costs (\$) (excluding GST and any services or admin fee) 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	Maximum value of rates (\$)	Paying for work from 2023/24	Admin fee included in cost?	Date the contract was signed	Date the work started	Contract completion date	Tenders invited; if so, how many received AoG Panel/Direct Source/Tender Number of returns	Are there proposals for further or following work; if so, details of this work
Careering Options	Eddie Thompson	Contractor	Project Manager - Detailed Business Case	24,291.17	130.00 (hr)	Yes	Yes	17/11/2022	5/12/2022	28/06/2024	AoG Panel	Variation - extend expiry date
SBA Consulting	Mike Shatford, Nigel Shatford and Pieta Shatford	Consultancy	Regional Partnerships Review	24,520.00	275.00 (hr)			6/05/2024	6/05/2024	30/06/2024	AoG Panel	Variation - extend expiry date and value
The Johnson Group	Rachel Walker	Contractor	Project Manager	32,295.35	145.00 (hr)		Yes	26/05/2023	5/06/2023	31/07/2024	AoG Panel	Became an employee
MacGeorge & Co Limited	Richard MacGeorge	Contractor	Exercise Rū Whenua Evacuation Programme Facilitator	15,000.00	275.00 (hr)	Yes		10/06/2024	14/05/2024	19/07/2024	Direct Source	No proposals for follow on work
J.B. Vryenhoek	Barry Vryenhoek	Contractor	Evaluation Report for Exercise Rū Whenua Evacuation Programme	6,750.00	125.00 (hr)			29/02/2024	29/02/2024	2/09/2024	Direct Source	No proposals for follow on work
Hays Consulting	Sarah Prescott	Contractor	Business Support Coordinator	15,218.58	40.00 (hr)			19/07/2024	23/07/2024	29/09/2024	AoG Panel	No proposals for follow on work
Tenzing Ltd	Guy Lane, Sara Boud	Consultancy	Operational Systems Business Case	138,201.89	1,950.00 (day)	Yes		13/06/2024	10/06/2024	30/11/2024	AoG Panel	No proposals for follow on work
Employment Conditions Abroad (ECA) International Pty Ltd	Anna Michielsen (General Manager), Helen Mildred, Grace Petrova	Contractor	NEMA International Posting Policy and Guide Development	19,505.74	Fixed fee			24/09/2024	26/09/2024	18/10/2024	Direct Source	No proposals for follow on work
PwC New Zealand	Sharon Chan, Phillip Fisher, Hamish Robertson	Consultancy	Taxation Advice	9,595.00	Fixed fee		Yes	4/10/2024	26/09/2024	31/10/2024	AoG Panel	No proposals for follow on work