

19 March 2025

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Request for information 2025-036

I refer to your request for information dated 19 February 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 19 February 2025. You have requested the following:

“This is a request for official information concerning Metlink's spending on consultancy services, external advice.

We request the following information:

Consultancy Services and External Advice:

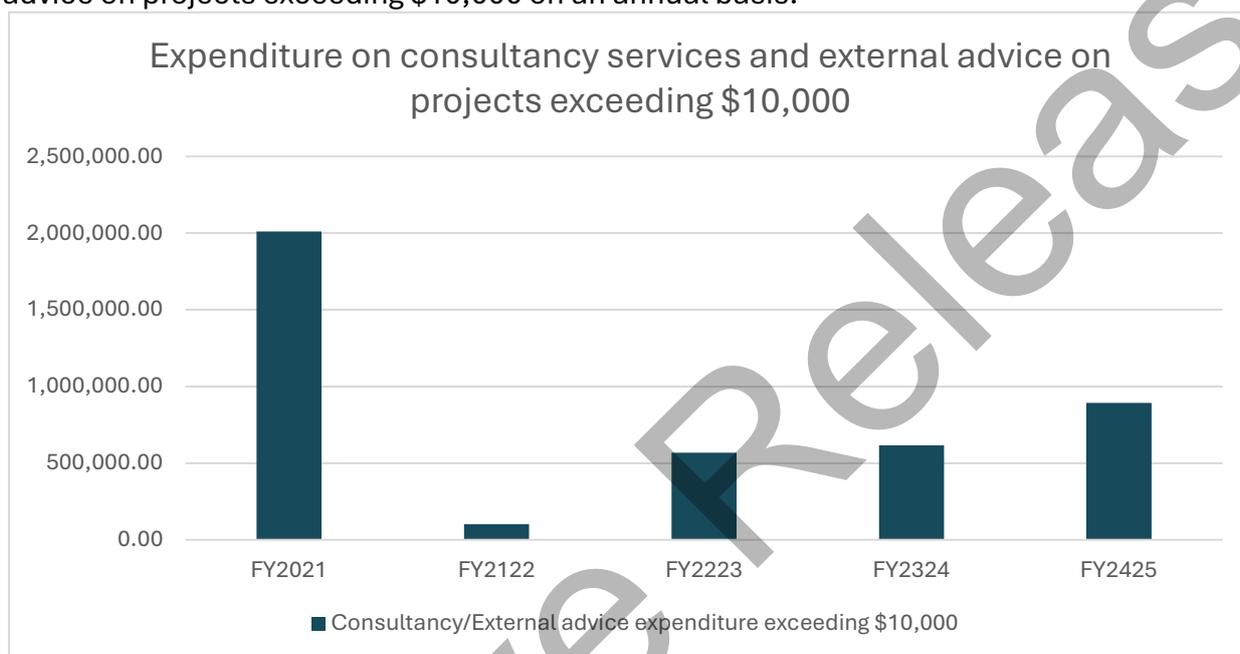
- The total amount spent by Metlink on consultancy services and external advice from January 2020 to the present exceeding \$10,000.
- A detailed breakdown of consultancy services by project, including:
 - The name of the consultancy firm.
 - The scope of work for each project including dates.
 - The total cost associated with each project.
- Copies of any assessments or reviews conducted on the value and effectiveness of these consultancy services.”

Greater Wellington's response follows:

The total amount spent by Metlink on consultancy services and external advice from January 2020 to the 19 February 2025, on projects exceeding \$10,000 was \$5,128,543.32. Please note

that the bulk of this amount dates to the period 2020-2021 for projects relating to the Covid-19 response and for the implementation of Snapper on rail.

Please refer to the graph below for the expenditure on consultancy services and external advice on projects exceeding \$10,000 on an annual basis.



Regarding your request for a detailed breakdown of consultancy services by project, our decision on the request is that we will be releasing a breakdown of the consultancy services by project dating back to 1 January 2020 as a pair of excel spreadsheets. We intend to provide you with these documents by the close of business on Friday 28 March.

Please note that some information from these documents will be withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) to protect the privacy of persons mentioned. Where information will be withheld under this section, this will be clearly noted.

Additionally, please note that prior to the 2021-2022 Financial Year, Greater Wellington used a different financial system. Therefore, information prior to this date will be formatted differently and the information that was captured and recorded under this prior system will differ from later records.

Copies of any assessment or review on the value and effectiveness of these consultancy services

In investigating this part of your request, we have not been able to locate any assessment or review undertaken on the value or effectiveness of these services.

Therefore, we have refused this part of your request under section 17(e) on the basis that that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

In refusing this part of your request under this section we have considered if consulting with you would allow you to make your request for this information in a manner that would remove the reasons for the refusal. It is our consideration that this request couldn't be reworded in a form that would allow us to locate this information for you.

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 appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Samantha Gain

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-ā-atea | Group Manager Metlink

Fiscal Year	CO object name	Cost element name	Value TranCurr	Document Header Text	Name	Offsetting account (Vendor)
2021	Contract Audits/Reviews	Consultants Ext Audt	11,819.52		Fees for March 2021 - invoice 1267611	Deloitte
2021	Contract Audits/Reviews	Consultants Ext Audt	16,575.11		Fees for April 2021 - invoice 1286842	Deloitte
2021	Contract Audits/Reviews	Consultants - Transp	11,125.00	Commercial Analyst Sep20	Commercial Analyst Sept 2020 - 192	P Cormack
2021	Contract Audits/Reviews	Consultants - Transp	16,812.50	Commercial Analyst Oct20	Commercial Analyst Oct 2020 - 193	P Cormack
2021	Snapper - participation fee	Consultants - Transp	492,550.00		IBTS Participation Fee Oct 20 inv 4102	Snapper Services Limited
2021	Snapper - participation fee	Consultants - Transp	492,550.00		IBTS Participation Fee Nov 20 inv 4129	Snapper Services Limited
2021	Snapper - equipment fee	Consultants - Transp	57,510.00		IBTS EquipPar Fee Nov 20 inv 4129	Snapper Services Limited
2021	Snapper - additional equipment fee	Consultants - Transp	10,000.00		IBTS Equip Par Add Fee Nov 20 inv 4129	Snapper Services Limited
2021	Snapper on Rail transition	Consultants - Transp	23,906.25		May invoice #2468	41 SOUTH CONSULTING LIMITED
2021	Bus COVID-19 Bus	Consultants - Transp	27,560.00	Snapper Red&Green+ePurse	Red Snapper+ - Invoice SI-00011644	Snapper Services Limited
2021	Bus COVID-19 Bus	Consultants - Transp	28,250.00	Snapper Red&Green+ePurse	ePurse loaded - Invoice SI-00011644	Snapper Services Limited
2020	Bus COVID-19 Bus	Consultants - Advert	29,484.00		Media phase 3 Snapper	The Digital Cafe Ltd
2020	Bus COVID-19 Bus	Consultants - Advert	19,212.00		Snapper Phase 3 EST	Doublefish
2021	Bus COVID-19 Bus	Consultants - Advert	22,500.00		#onboardwithmasks Bus Wrap x10	Go Media Company
2021	Bus & Ferry Infrastructure - Office	Consultants - Transp	23,657.37		Fleet Transition Mngr INV PEO11319	People & Company Limited
2021	Bus & Ferry Infrastructure - Office	Consultants - Transp	11,490.00		Bell W.E 19.06.2020 INV170971	Beca Limited
2021	Bus & Ferry Infrastructure - Office	Consultants - Transp	10,920.00		Secondment -Christina Bell inv 172782	Beca Limited
2021	Bus & Ferry Infrastructure - Office	Consultants - Transp	18,780.00		Secondment -Christina Bell inv 176797	Beca Limited
2021	Opex - Access StdPads & Civil work	Consultants - Transp	13,234.00		GWRC Bus Stop Improvement Prj inv1861968	Stantec New Zealand
2021	Capex - Driver toilets	Consultants - Transp	32,715.00		Bus driver toilets INV 01951044	WSP New Zealand Limited
2021	Capex-Pram &Waikanae bus hubs & upgrades	Consultants - Transp	16,856.70		248 Thorndon Q 2ndry bus Layvr inv 21579	Isthmus
2021	Capex-Pram &Waikanae bus hubs & upgrades	Consultants - Transp	33,600.00		248 Thorndon Q Bus Lyvr Dsgn inv 1866316	Stantec New Zealand
2021	Capex - Bus Stop Facilities New	Consultants - Transp	12,880.00		Professional engineering services inv031	Luke Benner Consulting Ltd
2021	Bus Infra Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Transp	18,511.50		Proj Porirua Interchange Concept Final	Isthmus
2021	Bus Infra Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Transp	19,600.00	Beca Limited	Karori, Seatun Mt Vic Clrnce Srvy Inv448	Beca Limited
2021	Bus Infra Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Engine	21,600.00		Wallace St bus Stop Footpth Design 48353	Tonkin & Taylor Ltd
2021	AMP Update - Bus & Other Infrastructure	Consultants - Transp	19,987.50		Asset Management Feb 21 inv 13470	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Update - Bus & Other Infrastructure	Consultants - Transp	16,875.00		Asset Management Mar 21 inv 13485	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Update - Bus & Other Infrastructure	Consultants - Transp	12,675.00	Partna Consulting Group L	PF - Asst Mng Systm June 21 Inv 13545	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	Maintenance of Wellington Station	Consultants - Transp	29,013.50	Bartons Sound systems Ltd	WRS PIS June - Aug 202 Inv 2497	Bartons Sound systems Ltd
2021	Maintenance of Wellington Station	Consultants - Transp	29,013.50	Bartons Sound systems Ltd	WRS PIS Sept - Nov 202 Inv 2498	Bartons Sound systems Ltd
2021	Maintenance of Wellington Station	Consultants - Transp	29,013.50	Bartons Sound systems Ltd	WRS PIS Dec - Feb 20 Inv 2593	Bartons Sound systems Ltd
2021	Maintenance of Wellington Station	Consultants - Transp	29,013.50	Bartons Sound systems Ltd	WRS PIS Mar - May 21 Inv 2713	Bartons Sound systems Ltd
2021	Maintenance of Wellington Station	Consultants - Transp	29,013.50	Bartons Sound systems Ltd	WRS PIS June - Aug 21 Inv 2863	Bartons Sound systems Ltd
2021	AMP Updates - Rail Infrastructure	Consultants - Mgmt	13,087.50		2021 Asset Management Plan inv 133360	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Updates - Rail Infrastructure	Consultants - Mgmt	21,562.50		2021 Asset Management Plan inv 13375	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Updates - Rail Infrastructure	Consultants - Mgmt	19,987.50		2021 Asset Management Plan inv 13385	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Updates - Rail Infrastructure	Consultants - Mgmt	18,225.00		2021 Asset Management Plan inv 13405	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	AMP Updates - Rail Infrastructure	Consultants - Mgmt	16,275.00		2021 Asset Management Plan inv 13430	Partna Consulting Group Ltd
2021	Rail Station Upgrades	Consultants - Transp	14,790.00	RPS Consultants NZ Limite	RS1 Ttbl Implement Plan Inv SI4200299	RPS Consultants NZ Limited
2021	Rail Station Upgrades	Consultants - Transp	10,200.00	RPS Consultants NZ Limite	RS1 Ttbl Implement Plan Inv SI4200307	RPS Consultants NZ Limited
2021	Rail Infra Like for Like Replacement	Consultants - Transp	10,890.00	Ascendo limited	Programme Delivery Manager Inv 231948	Ascendo limited
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Legal	51,828.50		WNA Agreement INV1249835	Deloitte
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Legal	33,467.84		WNA Agreement INV1255449	Deloitte
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Legal	41,168.61		WNA Agreement INV1261195	Deloitte
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Legal	11,571.57		WNA Agreement INV1267751	Deloitte
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Legal	48,750.00	WSP New Zealand Limited	NMP Review Inv 1950759	WSP New Zealand Limited
2021	Rail Strategy Studies/Investigation	Consultants - Transp	11,385.00	Ascendo limited	Prjt Capability Consult Serv Inv 231944	Ascendo limited

Ledger Accounts Transactions Table

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Date	Transaction Amount (NZD)	Short Description	Project Scope	Description (Project Name)	Narration	Narration 2	Supplier Name	GST Rate	GST (NZD)	Exclusive (NZD)	Inclusive (NZD)
30-Sep-2024	112,701.05	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	16,905.16	112,701.05	129,606.21
28-Nov-2024	93,112.61	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	13,966.89	93,112.61	107,079.50
29-Aug-2024	92,890.71	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	13,933.60	92,890.71	106,824.31
30-Oct-2024	74,790.80	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	11,218.62	74,790.80	86,009.42
31-Jul-2024	68,168.75	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	10,225.31	68,168.75	78,394.06
30-Jan-2025	41,260.27	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	6,189.04	41,260.27	47,449.31
19-Dec-2024	16,175.15	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Bus procurement	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Bus Procurement		DELOITTE	0.150000	2,426.27	16,175.15	18,601.42
30-Sep-2024	20,817.11	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - EastByWest Ferries	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Ferry services		DELOITTE	0.150000	3,122.57	20,817.11	23,939.68
29-Aug-2024	11,334.02	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - EastByWest Ferries	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Ferry services		DELOITTE	0.150000	1,700.10	11,334.02	13,034.12
31-Jul-2024	32,363.43	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - project management	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Project Management		DELOITTE	0.150000	4,854.51	32,363.43	37,217.94
30-Sep-2024	16,180.20	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - project management	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Project Management		DELOITTE	0.150000	2,427.03	16,180.20	18,607.23
29-Aug-2024	12,944.16	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - project management	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Project Management		DELOITTE	0.150000	1,941.62	12,944.16	14,885.78
30-Oct-2024	12,944.16	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - project management	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Project Management		DELOITTE	0.150000	1,941.62	12,944.16	14,885.78
28-Nov-2024	12,944.16	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - project management	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Project Hihi - Default Expenses Other Consul	Commercial Advisory - Project Management		DELOITTE	0.150000	1,941.62	12,944.16	14,885.78

31-Jul-2024	26,080.72	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Zero emissions bus study	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Default Expenses	Project Hihi - Commercial Advisory - ZEB Other Consul	DELOITTE	0.150000	3,912.11	26,080.72	29,992.83		
30-Sep-2024	19,228.89	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Zero emissions bus study	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Default Expenses	Project Hihi - Commercial Advisory - ZEB Other Consul	DELOITTE	0.150000	2,884.33	19,228.89	22,113.22		
30-Oct-2024	16,023.65	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Zero emissions bus study	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Default Expenses	Project Hihi - Commercial Advisory - ZEB Other Consul	DELOITTE	0.150000	2,403.55	16,023.65	18,427.20		
28-Nov-2024	11,852.85	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Zero emissions bus study	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Default Expenses	Project Hihi - Commercial Advisory - ZEB Other Consul	DELOITTE	0.150000	1,777.93	11,852.85	13,630.78		
29-Aug-2024	11,605.41	Other Consul	Commerical Advice and Support - Zero emissions bus study	Project Hihi - SI Strat Inv Default Expenses	Project Hihi - Commercial Advisory - ZEB Other Consul	DELOITTE	0.150000	1,740.81	11,605.41	13,346.22		
20-Dec-2024	68,226.57	Legal Fees	Legal Advice regarding future bus contracts	OPEX Bus and Ra Bus and Ra Default Expenses	SI Strat Inv OPEX Legal Fees	Contract drafting - Future Bus Contracts	BUDDLEFIN	0.150000	10,233.99	68,226.57	78,460.56	
31-Jan-2025	18,459.43	Legal Fees	Legal Advice regarding future bus contracts	OPEX Bus and Ra Bus and Ra Default Expenses	SI Strat Inv OPEX Legal Fees	Contract drafting - Future Bus Contracts	BUDDLEFIN	0.150000	2,768.91	18,459.43	21,228.34	
15-Aug-2024	14,740.00	Legal Fees	Legal Advice regarding Bus Depot outfitting	OPEX Asset Cont Asset Cont Default Expenses	SI Strat Inv OPEX Legal Fees	Karori Bus Depot Test Fit	BECA	0.150000	2,211.00	14,740.00	16,951.00	
31-Oct-2024	12,920.00	Other Consul	Bus stop shelter tendering	OPEX Bus Stop F Fac Default Expenses	AI Bus Asset Other Consul	OP Bus Tender	Procurement Service - Shelter Installation - Procurement Service	Expert Procurem	0.150000	1,938.00	12,920.00	14,858.00
31-Aug-2024	12,580.00	Other Consul	Bus stop shelter tendering	OPEX Bus Stop F Fac Default Expenses	AI Bus Asset Other Consul	OP Bus Tender	Procurement Service - Shelter Installation - Procurement Service	Expert Procurem	0.150000	1,887.00	12,580.00	14,467.00
31-May-2024	33,747.75	Other Consul	RTI 2.0 Sign Support Investigation	RTI 2.0 Capex Capital Works Other Consul	AI - Cust & Ins Expenses	RTI 2.0 Investigation	BECA	0.150000	5,062.16	33,747.75	38,809.91	
18-Jun-2024	11,314.00	Other Consul	RTI 2.0 Sign Support Investigation	RTI 2.0 Capex Capital Works Other Consul	AI - Cust & Ins Expenses	RTI 2.0 Investigation	BECA	0.150000	1,697.10	11,314.00	13,011.10	
30-Sep-2024	17,937.51	Legal Fees	Legal Advice on bus stop	Bus - legal adv legal Default Expenses	OP Ops Team Legal Fees	Bus - Bus Stop Issues legal advice	BELL	0.150000	2,690.62	17,937.51	20,628.13	