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**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2023 requesting the following information regarding the Cobham Drive crossing project under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*An Itemised list of the component costs of the total project, including but not limited to:*

- *Consultation (and those types of consultation procured, architectural, engineering, urban planning etc.)*
- *Legal Fees*
- *Itemised materials - the individual costs of each of (lights, pole, paint, plants etc.)*
- *Labour (traffic control, construction, managers etc.)*
- *Any further costs, with an indication of what those costs represent and their purpose.*

Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) records expenditure type by construction, consultants and other costs. "Other" costs include project costs that are not considered to be for construction or consultants.

The breakdown of construction and other costs as at 31 January 2023 (the latest monthly figure available) for SH1 Safer Speeds East of Mt Victoria and Cobham Drive crossing project is enclosed as Attachment 1. Whereas the breakdown of consultants' costs, which include legal fees, is publicly available and can be found at: [https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/WQ\\_01432\\_2023/05f45863f6283d8d92e1df9e1964a6f1eb56a6da](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/WQ_01432_2023/05f45863f6283d8d92e1df9e1964a6f1eb56a6da)

For context around the use of consultants, consultants are often an important part of successful and cost-effective delivery of transport infrastructure. They provide specialist expert advice and planning services to 'internal' teams who are often working at full capacity. Examples of consultant services include utilities investigation, project management, transport planning, civil engineering, travel behaviour change, procurement, urban design, environmental planning, communications and engagement, modelling and economics, risk management and legal advice.

In the Cobham Drive Crossing/SH1 Safer Speeds project, consultant costs were considerably higher than expected because of the judicial review of the pedestrian crossing decision, with more than half of the total consultant costs for the project were on defending this legal challenge.

An itemised list of materials is enclosed as Attachment 2. The individual prices are withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

LGWM does not record labour costs for this project as these are not necessarily differentiated on the contractors' invoices. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Willy Trollove, Senior Governance Advisor, by email to [willy.trollove@lgwm.nz](mailto:willy.trollove@lgwm.nz).

Yours sincerely



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