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Request from:	GNS Science
Information requested:	Science and Research Budget information
Response by:	Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive

27 July 2022

GNS Science
1 Fairway Drive, Avalon
Lower Hutt
New Zealand

Via Email:

Dear

Official information request for Science and Research Budget information

I refer to your official information request dated 30 June 2022 for Science and Research Budget information.

Information regarding Drinking Water Quality is enclosed, the rest of the information requested we have refused under section 17 (e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

SCIENCE and RESEARCH CONSULTANCY subjects x budgets and people	Budget 2023	Names of budget holders	Role title	Spent in the last 3 years
Drinking water quality	\$1,250,000.00	Erle Bencich	Operations Manager	2019 – 2022 \$3,462,000.00

The cost to supply drinking water to our rate payer across the whole region (exclusive of overheads) includes extraction, processing, treatment, testing, repairs and maintenance of the deliver assets and pipework's. It does not include Capital projects and upgrades.

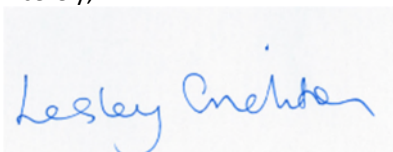
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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Lesley Crichton | Acting Chief Executive

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