

20 February 2023

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 20 January 2023 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. How much money has been spent on and budgeted for funding for iwi partners over the past five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose of funding?
2. How much money has been provided to iwi over the last five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose?
3. What criteria need to be met for iwi to be eligible for this funding?
4. What KPIs/evidence of appropriate use of funding are iwi required to report after receipt of funding, if any, and what are the consequences if these are not met?
5. How many QLDC work programmes, if any, are currently delayed/on hold awaiting iwi approval or readiness? Which programmes? Why are they on hold? Please provide any correspondence with iwi relevant to the delay of work programmes.
6. What legal advice, if any, has QLDC received in relation to iwi funding and iwi involvement in QLDC work programmes? Please provide copies of any requests and the resulting advice.
7. How many total staff have been employed in relation to liaising with iwi in each of the last five years, and at what total salary cost, listed by year? What are the job titles and salary bands of these staff?

QLDC response

1. *How much money has been spent on and budgeted for funding for iwi partners over the past five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose of funding?*
2. *How much money has been provided to iwi over the last five years, listed by year, iwi and purpose?*

The Council provides funding to Kai Tahu organisations to support the relationship between Council and Iwi and ensure a consistent Treaty partnership approach to the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Ngāi Tahu whānui across all the relevant duties and functions of Council. The funding is intended to cover activities including for example:

- relationship development and Ngāi Tahu presence in Council activities
- establishing agreed work streams within the Council work programme
- Ngāi Tahu engagement in agreed capital works programmes

- the initial scoping stages of urban design and civic projects, with reference to the scale of the project (noting that any design work will fall outside the agreement)
- strategy and policy development and implementation
- development of statutory documents and plans, up until the point of public notification
- the processing of resource consent applications where the Council is not the applicant
- engagement and liaison with other runanga organisations to seek to achieve alignment and outcomes that represent Ngāi Tahu whānui
- workshops where no additional resources are required.

Council commits to agreeing the scope and forward work programme with the Iwi organisation annually.

The tables below addresses questions one and two. These tables do not include budget or spend for contracted professional services delivered by iwi organisations. Both the spend and the budget as requested:

Iwi funding	18/19		19/20		20/21		21/22		22/23 to Dec 23	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
	45,000	44,711	195,000	191,607	195,000	180,000	300,000	301,103	300,000	46,747

3. *What criteria need to be met for iwi to be eligible for this funding?*

Inside the Council, we aim to build our capacity to be more effective for Māori in the work that we do and how we can contribute to strengthening Māori communities. The Council values its relationships with Māori and always aim to work within the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Queenstown Lakes District is part of Kāi Tahu Iwi, which straddles both the Murihiku and Ōtākou Rūnaka. Our work widely embraces Te Ao Māori and the Council works closely with Aukaha Ltd and Te Ao Marama Inc. as representatives of Kāi Tahu rūnaka with interests in this district. These relationships continue to form an important part of our consultation processes now and into the future.

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4. *What KPIs/evidence of appropriate use of funding are iwi required to report after receipt of funding, if any, and what are the consequences if these are not met?*

To note the feedback we received was that the concept of a KPI was very much a non-iwi construct that did not work for Māori. Reporting is undertaken quarterly, kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face meeting) (either online or in person). Kanohi ki te kanohi reporting is an appropriate Treaty partnership approach and is used as a principal mechanism between parties to assess how we are working together. While Kai Tahu organisations may report on

specific workstreams, QLDC also report on the processes and activities being worked on to continue to improve its commitment to upholding Te Tiriti principles.

5. *How many QLDC work programmes, if any, are currently delayed/on hold awaiting iwi approval or readiness? Which programmes? Why are they on hold? Please provide any correspondence with iwi relevant to the delay of work programmes.*

We don't collect this information. QLDC has an extensive work programme, it is from time to time encountering delays for multiple reasons primarily related to construction issues. However, we do not specifically report for programme delays.

6. *What legal advice, if any, has QLDC received in relation to iwi funding and iwi involvement in QLDC work programmes? Please provide copies of any requests and the resulting advice.*

No legal advice has been sought.

7. *How many total staff have been employed in relation to liaising with iwi in each of the last five years, and at what total salary cost, listed by year? What are the job titles and salary bands of these staff?*

There are no staff at QLDC solely hired to liaise with iwi. Liaising with iwi is a task undertaken within a number of areas of QLDC business.

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind Regards,



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