

16 February 2026

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Request for Official Information LG26-0020 - Contractors 2024/2025 Financial Year

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 21 January 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

I request the following information for the 2024/25 Financial Year:

Contractors and consultants

1. Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable. [REDACTED] defines contractors as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.]
2. Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable. [REDACTED] defines consultants as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.]

Mayor's office

3. If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.
4. If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.

Depreciation and renewals

5. The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).
6. The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.
7. What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?
3. The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:
 - a. New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).
 - b. Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).
 - c. Operating Expenses.

QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Finance Team.

Decision to release information

- 1. Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable. [REDACTED] defines contractors as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.]**

For the financial year 2024/25, Council expenditure on contractors was \$4,993,315 (excluding GST).

- 2. Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable. [REDACTED] defines consultants as per the [Contractors and Consultants Guidance](#) document published by the Public Service Commission.]**

For the financial year 2024/25, Council expenditure on consultants was \$13,488,252 (excluding GST).

- 4. If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.**

The Mayor's Office has a budget of \$20,000 (excluding GST) per year, which relates to the Mayoral Relief Fund.

- 5. If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.**

As at 30 June 2025, the Mayor's Office comprised 1.0 FTE for the Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

- 6. The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).**

The total amount of depreciation funded for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$22,163,227 (excluding GST).

- 7. The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.**

During the year ended 30 June 2025, Council spent \$30,493,805 on asset renewals and \$56,141,948 (excluding GST) on maintaining levels of service.

- 8. What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?**

As at 30 June 2025, the cash reserves held for depreciation totalled \$14,501,925 (excluding GST). This balance increased over the year.

- 9. The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:**
- a. New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).**

All depreciation funds were used for asset renewals; none were allocated to new capital or growth projects.

- b. Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).**

All depreciation funds were used for asset renewals; none were applied to debt repayment.

- c. Operating Expenses.**

No depreciation funds were used to fund operating expenses.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz (Engagement and Communications Manager).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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