

From: [Allie Dunn](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to LGOIMA request re payments for iwi Maori consultation
Date: Thursday, 5 March 2026 7:41:00 am
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Kia ora

I am writing in response to your official information request dated 23 February 2026 regarding payments for Iwi Māori consultation under the Local Government Act 2002. There have been no payments made for any Iwi Māori consultation under the Local Government Act 2002.

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 3:46 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Acknowledgement LGOIMA request re payments for iwi Maori consultation

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding payments for iwi Māori consultation.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 23 March 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any

response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz)>

Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 9:24 am

To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Response to LGOIMA request re payments on behalf of Mana Whenua

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Hi Alice

Apologies for the delay but I was away for a bit with university commitments.

Instead of the original LGOIMA we ask:

Whether any contractor has been hired in the past three completed calendar years to fulfil Iwi/Māori aspects of the Local Government Act around consultation.

If so we ask for the price broken down by year, the contract and receipts.

If not we ask whether Iwi/Māori are paid directly for consultation with Council or whether the only cost involved is staff time to fulfil this commitment.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Investigations Coordinator | New Zealand Taxpayers' Union | Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance

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From: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz>

Sent: 17 February 2026 5:02 PM

To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Taranuadc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Response to LGOIMA request re payments on behalf of Mana Whenua

Hi Allie

Could you give me a call on my mobile tomorrow when ever you are free to go over this? After one would be great if possible.

Best Regards,

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Sent: 17 February 2026 3:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz>

Subject: RE: Response to LGOIMA request re payments on behalf of Mana Whenua

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Hi [REDACTED]

The wording of your LGOIMA request to us was for information about payments made “on behalf of mana whenua/Māori”.

All payments made by the Tararua District Council are for goods or services provided to the Council. The Council does not make payments to any entity on behalf of a third party, which is how your request is worded.

If the response we have provided is not what you intended to ask for, you will need to provide clarification of what information you wish to be provided with.

I'm happy to discuss if you wish to talk to me about this – I am available until 4:00pm today, and between 8:00am and 8:30am tomorrow and then available again from 1:00pm to 4:00pm tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks



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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz)>

Sent: Tuesday, 17 February 2026 3:33 pm

To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@TararuaDC.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Response to LGOIMA request re payments on behalf of Mana Whenua

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Hi Allie

This is a previous LGOIMA where we knew the name of the consultancy firm and how it is run. Just checking nothing similar exists for Tararua?

Best,

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From: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Taranuadc.govt.nz>

Sent: 17 February 2026 1:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz

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Kia ora

I am writing in response to your official information request dated 13 February 2026 regarding payments made on behalf of Mana Whenua

The Tararua District Council does not make any payments on behalf of Mana Whenua, therefore we are unable to provide you with the information requested, as under Section 17(e) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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From: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz>

Sent: Friday, 13 February 2026 10:18 am

Subject: LGOIMA Request

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Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 we request:

- (a) A list of all payments made by the Council to consultancy/advisory firms (including subsidiaries) on behalf of mana whenua/Māori during the last three financial years (GST inclusive).
- (b) A copy of any agreement between the Council and these groups (including subsidiaries).
- (c) Copies of each invoice and any related contract or agreement.

Please reach out for any clarification and set out in full any reasoning not to supply this information. Additionally if all information could be in PDF format it would be appreciated.

Best Regards,

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