

9 July 2026

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Official information Request: Actual spending on recovery and resilience building

I am writing to you in response to your request received 12 June for information relating to actual spending on recovery from weather related natural disasters.

Following further communication with you, the request was amended on 24 June to include:

- the emergency works parts of our Waka Kotahi claims for last seven years, and this will also have the subsidy received.
- the full year transaction list SWDC give to audit each year and filtering for AI terms on the transaction lines for the past seven years.
- Supporting information such as briefings on these events or reports on these events.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please see the attached information relating to financial information.

Supporting information is publicly available information our website

<https://swdc.govt.nz/meetings/> and is therefore refused section 17(d) of the LGOIMA.

Noted that over the course of this triennium, information and reports about emergency management have been directed primarily to the Risk and Assurance Committee, but will also be discussed by Council and the Infrastructure Committee.

Please contact [REDACTED] if you require any support navigating the site or if there is a particular date you are interested in obtaining historical reports, we can assist with a search for specific information you require.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

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Stefan Corbett

Group Manager, Corporate Services

Recovery and Resilience building (excl GST)									
Type	Detail	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 YTD
Operating Expenditure	Emergency works								
Operating expenditure	Featherston cloud burst	310,061	19						
Operating expenditure	Minor Events LR -140	86,666	48,296	106,884	217,441	205,746	58,661	293,038	284,682
Operating expenditure	Minor Events SPR - 140	19,450	39,365	48,599	121,358	65,183	55,577	58,123	30,586
Operating expenditure	Emergency Work May Swell (SPR) - 141		605,717			370,326		25,368	1,414,025
Operating expenditure	Cape Palliser Rd Swell Damage April 2022 (SPR 141)				73,038	1,305,034	434,799		
Operating expenditure	Emergency works - Cyclone Gabrielle (LR 141)						290,258	580,565	
Operating expenditure	Emergency works - Cyclone Hale (LR 141)					250,743	713,994	957,244	
Operating expenditure	Emergency works - Cyclone Hale Cape Palliser Rd (SPR 141)						347,243	103,130	
Operating expenditure	Emergency Works - February 2022 Flooding (LR 141)				27,583	82,596	7,279	215	
Operating expenditure	Emergency Works Aug 2022 (LR 141) 72%					867,346	412,416	415,763	
Operating expenditure	Emergency works Cape Palliser Rd May 2022 (SPR 141)				42,349	131,598	164,702		
Operating expenditure	April 2026 Rain Damage - LR								186,655
Operating expenditure	April 2026 Rain Damage - SPR								26,440
Operating expenditure	Storm Damage February 2026 (LR)								477,008
Operating expenditure	Storm Damage February 2026 (SPR)								373,620
		416,177	693,398	155,484	481,769	3,278,572	2,484,928	2,433,445	2,793,016
Capital Expenditure	Emergency works								
Capital Expenditure	WK Hinekura rd design/alt route/Remediation				373,379	684,816	593,057	53,491	16,240
Capital Expenditure	Eco Reef extension								229,353
Capital Expenditure	Erosion control								403,309
		-	-	-	373,379	684,816	593,057	53,491	648,903
Less Subsidies received									
Operating Income	Waka Kotahi Emergency works subsidy opex								
Operating Income	Featherston cloud burst	- 166,550							
Operating Income	Cape Palliser		- 641,294		- 99,963	- 1,475,241	- 561,169	- 25,368	- 1,414,025
Operating Income	February 2022 Flooding event				- 76,461	- 63,441			
Operating Income	August 2022 Storm event					- 597,590	- 215,592	- 212,039	
Operating Income	Cyclone Gabrielle					- 340,700	- 207,500	- 483,941	
Operating Income	Cyclone Hale					- 232,230	- 892,210	- 788,368	
Operating Income	Feb 2026 Storm event								- 600,946
Operating Income	Minor Events LR -140	- 46,080		- 56,649	- 57,450	- 106,988	- 29,917	- 149,449	- 145,188
Operating Income	Minor Events SPR - 140	- 19,888		- 48,599	- 112,543	- 65,183	- 68,802		
	Waka Kotahi Emergency works subsidy Capex								
Operating Income	Hinekura road landslip				- 38,731	- 65,999	- 385,858	- 24,538	- 8,282
		- 232,518	- 641,294	- 105,248	- 385,148	- 2,947,372	- 2,361,048	- 1,683,703	- 2,168,441
	Total	183,659	52,104	50,236	470,000	1,016,015	716,937	803,233	1,273,478
Other costs	Other natural disaster related costs								
Operating expenditure	Personnel and administration costs	38,790	42,099	34,515	76,315	55,674	81,832	87,624	72,871
Operating expenditure	Memberships WREMO/ Civil defence	67,003	49,545	71,630	76,546	79,817	88,880	84,414	122,641
Operating expenditure	Whatarangi Coastal Erosion Advice	435							
Operating expenditure	Featherston flood cleanup	103							
Operating expenditure	Repair Pivot Damage		30,454						
Operating expenditure	Clear draining from flooding Bucks rd		435						
Operating expenditure	Ngawi slip clearing		4,290						
Operating expenditure	Software licence disaster recovery			6,156	6,552	21,600	21,600	21,600	
Operating expenditure	Legal costs - Flood risk at camping ground				8,641				
Operating expenditure	Engineers report Lake Ferry slip				1,500				
Operating expenditure	Lake Ferry Aorangi Restoration Trust Project planting				11,350				
Operating expenditure	Sandbags for flooding events					360			
Operating expenditure	Geo tech report - Cape Palliser landslides					22,855			
Operating expenditure	Clearing slips on range roads					1,068			
Operating expenditure	Te Rata road emergency works					5,874			
Operating expenditure	Emergency work engineer costs						4,354		
Operating expenditure	Lake Ferry stormwater drainage behind number 64						6,106		
Operating expenditure	Tree removal storm damage -Oct/Feb/May								24,950
Capital Expenditure	Bridge strengthening removal of flood debris								26,155
	Total	106,331	126,823	112,301	180,903	187,247	202,771	193,639	246,616