

Reference Number: 2024/1116

15 July 2024

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Thank you for email of 2 July 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to emergency management capabilities. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

What was your council spend on emergency management capability, and how many staff members did you have within emergency management roles, for the previous 3 financial years (1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022, 1 July 2022- 30 June 2023, 1 July 2023- 30 June 2024)

Please refer to the table below that summarizes the requested information. Regarding the question "how many staff members did you have within emergency management roles," Horowhenua District Council currently contracts EM Services 2020 for the provision and oversight of their Emergency Management responsibilities. For the purpose of this LGOIMA, I have only included the number of EM Services 2020 staff who hold the responsibility of Emergency Management Officer.

It is expected that all Horowhenua District Council staff are prepared to respond in an emergency event as required, and they receive training for this purpose. A proportion of staff are assigned specific Emergency Management roles as part of the CIMS structure and Emergency Operations Centre capability. This is, in addition to their substantive day-to-day roles within Horowhenua District Council.

It is difficult to determine the total spend on Emergency Management Capability, as all the training opportunities are paid for by group (Horizons). The figures below relate to the total Operational Spend on the Emergency management Activity, this includes any event related cost such as the tornado in 2022.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<i>Council spend on emergency management capability</i>	\$180,425	\$ 425,093	\$156,004
<i>How many staff members did you have within emergency management roles</i>	1	1	2

How much is your council budgeting to spend on emergency management capability, and how many staff members will you have within emergency management roles, for the current financial year (1 July 2024- 30 June 2025)

	2024/25
<i>Council spend on emergency management capability</i>	\$285,454
<i>How many staff members did you have within emergency management roles</i>	2

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

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