



25 August 2023



Reference: OIA-2022/23-0967

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to funding requested by territorial local authorities to cover Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery costs

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 30 May 2023. You requested:

May I please request the following under the Official Information Act in full and in fully searchable and copyable format:

1- How much money has been sought by territorial local authorities from NEMA to cover Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery costs – broken down by TLA

2- How much money has been sought by territorial local authorities from NEMA to cover Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery costs – broken down by ‘type’ (eg welfare, emergency infrastructure etc - however this is classified/categorised by NEMA)

3- Of the costs sought from TLAs

3.1- How much has been granted (even if the money has not yet been given to the TLA)

3.2 - How much has been declined

3.3- How much is yet to be considered

4 - Any and all correspondence of any kind between NEMA and TLAs regarding funding requested by a TLA that NEMA has declined – including emails, memos, reports etc – both from and to NEMA

5 - All internal NEMA reports, meeting minutes, memos, emails and similar discussing decisions about funding requests from TLAs that NEMA declined “ ”

For ease of reference, I have numbered your request. Today I am releasing the information in relation to parts 1-3 of your request, ‘Territorial Authority Claim Summary’. This details the claims that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has processed to date with respect to funding requests by territorial local authorities to cover Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery costs. This is an on-going claims process and the information released to you here is applicable to 19 July 2023.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	19 July 2023	Territorial Authority Claim Summary	Released in full

Please be advised, that the column titled “Amount to be Considered”, shows the amount that is yet to be reviewed for a decision by NEMA for payment.

In relation to parts 4 and 5 of your request, your correspondence and refinement was relayed to the relevant team in NEMA and I can advise that no meeting minutes or reports have been identified as within scope of your request.

A number of internal memorandums have been identified as within scope of parts 4 and 5 of your request and I can advise that this information will be released to you in part. Unfortunately, NEMA requires more time to prepare the release of this information, to ensure that relevant parties have had an opportunity to consider the content to be released. NEMA will endeavour to release the relevant information to you as soon as practicable.

Finally, in relation to your request for emails I am declining this portion of your request under section 18(f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. We endeavour to provide this to you as soon as possible and apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Richards
Chief Advisor to the Deputy Chief Executive, Emergency Management

Territorial Authority Claim Summary on 19 July 2023

Territorial Authority	Claim Type	Amount sought	Amount Granted	Amount Declined	Amount to be considered
Auckland Council	Waste	\$ 481,593.24	\$ 387,426.94	\$ 94,166.30	\$ -
Auckland Council	Welfare	\$ 1,331,728.74	\$ 216,430.20	\$ 56,814.04	\$ 1,058,484.50
Auckland Council	Welfare	\$ 545,511.88	\$ 270,800.12	\$ 2,482.90	\$ 272,228.86
Auckland Council	Welfare	\$ 96,374.54	\$ 79,241.44	\$ 5,295.62	\$ 11,837.48
Auckland Council	Welfare	\$ 233,732.38	\$ 233,732.38	\$ -	\$ -
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	Waste	\$ 252,191.14	\$ 252,191.14	\$ -	\$ -
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	Waste	\$ 38,992.13	\$ 38,992.13	\$ -	\$ -
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	Waste	\$ 34,623.40	\$ 34,623.40	\$ -	\$ -
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	Welfare	\$ 174,652.03	\$ 150,169.71	\$ 24,482.32	\$ -
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	Welfare	\$ 172,662.09	\$ 157,332.39	\$ 15,329.70	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Waste	\$ 399,890.83	\$ 395,922.08	\$ 3,968.75	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Waste	\$ 377,792.97	\$ 372,435.47	\$ 5,357.50	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Waste	\$ 423,779.57	\$ 418,655.77	\$ 5,123.80	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Waste	\$ 422,834.66	\$ 422,834.66	\$ -	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Waste	\$ 185,906.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,906.83
Gisborne District Council	Welfare	\$ 228,349.66	\$ 151,485.28	\$ 76,864.38	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Welfare	\$ 244,847.40	\$ 4,446.65	\$ 45,066.75	\$ 195,334.00
Gisborne District Council	Welfare	\$ 61,092.34	\$ 12,167.40	\$ 48,924.94	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Welfare	\$ 587,645.87	\$ 556,395.27	\$ 31,250.60	\$ -
Gisborne District Council	Welfare	\$ 185,055.64	\$ 181,215.64	\$ 3,840.00	\$ -
Hastings City Council	Welfare	\$ 1,300,000.00			\$ 1,300,000.00
Hastings District Council	Waste	\$ 4,742,994.82	\$ 4,742,794.82	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 930,392.75	\$ 565,723.85	\$ 29,734.73	\$ 334,934.17
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 1,389,061.57	\$ 504,725.90	\$ 130,797.27	\$ 778,669.99
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 206,888.02	\$ 206,888.02	\$ -	\$ -
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 1,775,854.97	\$ 1,448,385.69	\$ 327,469.28	\$ -
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 3,079,520.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,079,520.14
Kaipara District Council	Waste	\$ 55,954.09	\$ 37,794.47	\$ 18,159.62	\$ -
Kaipara District Council	Welfare	\$ 61,979.54	\$ 37,763.48	\$ 24,216.06	\$ -
Masterton District Council	Welfare	\$ 57,016.32			\$ 57,016.32
Napier City Council	Waste	\$ 1,050,240.75	\$ 927,072.20	\$ 123,168.55	\$ -
Napier City Council	Welfare	\$ 1,287,946.77	\$ 855,148.23	\$ 234,303.58	\$ 198,494.95
Northland Regional Council	Welfare	\$ 14,803.89	\$ 14,803.89	\$ -	\$ -
Opotiki District Council	Welfare	\$ 10,004.58	\$ 10,004.58	\$ -	\$ -
Rotorua Lakes District Council	Waste	\$ 9,065.14		\$ 9,065.14	\$ -
Tararua District Council	Waste	\$ 23,436.02	\$ 23,386.02	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Tararua District Council	Welfare	\$ 22,622.53	\$ 21,298.77	\$ 1,323.76	\$ -
Tauranga District Council	Welfare	\$ 1,086.96	\$ 1,086.96	\$ -	\$ -
Thames-Coromandel District Council	Welfare	\$ 33,146.45	\$ 33,013.41	\$ 133.04	\$ -
Waikato District Council	Waste	\$ 35,652.51			\$ 35,652.51
Waikato District Council	Welfare	\$ 49,080.72	\$ 12,920.56	\$ 36,160.16	\$ -
Wairoa District Council	Waste	\$ 1,030,858.09	\$ 991,122.02	\$ 39,736.07	\$ -
Wairoa District Council	Welfare	\$ 192,361.59	\$ 192,361.59	\$ -	\$ -
Whangarei District Council	Waste	\$ 71,000.00	\$ -	\$ 71,000.00	\$ -
Whangarei District Council	Welfare	\$ 13,724.22			\$ 13,724.22
Total		\$ 23,923,949.78	\$ 14,962,792.53	\$ 1,464,484.86	\$ 7,464,787.65