

9 August 2013

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By email to: fyi-request-968-d80cb3d5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Robinson

I write with regard to your email of 5 August 2013, in which you reminded me that the Council had not answered your information request in its entirety. Please accept my apologies.

The part of your request that remained unanswered was for:

“a breakdown of the spending category ‘software licenses’ for Wellington City Libraries for the 2012/2013 year.”

Please find attached a table which breaks down the ‘software expenditure’ of Wellington City Libraries for the year 2012/13.

You will note that figures for several categories have been obscured. This has been done under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

Section 7(2)(b)(ii), to prevent the disclosure of information that would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the companies concerned.

Section 7(2)(i), to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

The first ground for withholding applies to each of the obscured figures. The library software market is relatively specialised and there are not a large number of suppliers of the respective software types. Releasing the costs of the software licenses or support would likely have a detrimental effect on the sole supplier to the Council.

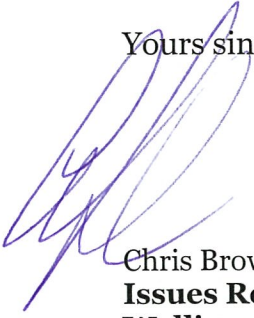
The second ground for withholding applies to the figure for the support for the Carl.X software. As well as this being a sole supplier situation, the Council is preparing to approach the market for tender regarding software for the function currently covered by the Carl.X software. As such, release of the current cost would likely impair the Council’s ability to negotiate the best fit product and cost during the tender process.

If you disagree with the decision to withhold this information, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



Yours sincerely



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