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Dear ██████████

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-22**

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

- *“How many in-house graphic designers does your organisation employ?”*
- *What is the budget for in-house/employed graphic designers?*
  - *How much has been spent on contracting external graphic designers?*
- *If external contractors have been used, why did your organisation not use your employed/in-house graphic designers?*
- *If employed/in-house or external contractors have been used to design a report in the last 12 months, was the report made public?*
  - *If not, why not?”*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to each of your requests is detailed below.

***How many in-house graphic designers does your organisation employ?***

CDC has a 0.75 FTE who does graphic design as one part of their role.

***What is the budget for in-house/employed graphic designers?***

CDC has one employee that has graphic design as part of their role. It is necessary for CDC to protect our employee's privacy, therefore under section 7(2)(a) of the Act we are withholding the information requested to protect the privacy of natural persons.

***How much has been spent on contracting external graphic designers?***

So far in the 2022/23 year, Council has spent \$1,120.59 on external graphic design.

***If external contractors have been used, why did your organisation not use your employed/in-house graphic designers?***

We used external graphic designers for a specific project, as our inhouse capacity is very limited.

***If employed/in-house or external contractors have been used to design a report in the last 12 months, was the report made public?***

In the last 12 months, there have been no reports designed by in-house or external contractors.

***If not, why not?***

Not applicable, as no reports designed by in-house or external contractors.

Where information has been withheld under section 7(2), I have considered, as required under section 7(1) of the Act, the public interest considerations favouring its release. I have identified no public interest considerations which outweigh the need to withhold information at this time.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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