

6 September 2019

Response to official information request relating to costs for the 2013 Grant Thornton Review

I refer to your request for official information received 6 August 2019 relating to costs associated with the 2013 Effectiveness and Efficiency Review carried out by Grant Thornton New Zealand Ltd. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. How much did the PCC pay Grant Thornton Ltd for the 2013 Effectiveness and Efficiency Review

- We paid Grant Thornton New Zealand Ltd \$75,000 (excl GST) fees for professional services and \$16,000 Disbursements (excl GST) for travel-related costs.

2. What was the cost to the Council for the PCC staff that had an input?

- The cost to the Council for our staff inputs was not recorded as we carried out the work as part of our business as usual functions, therefore this information cannot be provided under section 17(e) LGOIMA as the documentation does not exist. However we can confirm that 6 staff spent on average 3-4 days per week supporting the review over a 3 month period.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman regarding our decision to refuse the part of your request relating to staff costs. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. The address for the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

I trust that this information is of assistance and answers your queries. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Anne Rose at anne.rose@porirua.govt.nz or Ph (04) 237-3590.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wendy Walker
Chief Executive
Kaiwhakahaere Matua