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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Maintenance costs and information for 41 Weld Street, Hokitika
Response from:	Te Aroha Cook, Acting Chief Executive

11 December 2020

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private individual

Official information request for maintenance costs and information for 41 Weld Street, Hokitika.

I refer to your official information request dated 16 November 2020 for maintenance costs and information for 41 Weld Street, Hokitika.

You have asked for the following information:

1) Actual price paid for the building including GST if any.

I can advise that the building was purchased for \$1,200,000.00

2) Are there any costs involved for the termination of the Library lease?

The lease has rights of renewal every 5 years, the next one is July 2023, provided Council give the notice period stipulated in the lease, there is no charge. There is no mention in the lease to early termination.

3) What is the term of the lease and what is the annual rental?

The renewal period is every 5 years. Currently the annual rental is \$49,014.00 per annum with a review period of 2 years. July 2020 was the last review period.

4) What is proposed for the current i-site when it's vacated and costing for any alterations and refitting that will be required?

The i-site is still managed by Destination Westland, any questions regarding its future should be directed to the CEO of Destination Westland or the Chair of Westland Holdings Limited.

5) What is the actual cost for all the repairs and maintenance of the jade building?

Any repairs and maintenance work will be tendered. As the tender process is yet to be conducted, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to the costings of maintenance under section 7(2)(i) of LGOIMA that states: Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

You can find the building report and Earthquake assessment in our media release here <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media-release-41-weld-street-purchase>

6) Could you advise what's required to bring the building up to scratch?

Investigation into required works is ongoing.

7) Will any repairs and maintenance be deferred if so, for how long?

Urgent repairs will be addressed as required. All non-urgent will be deferred until the tender process can be conducted.

8) What is the true cost of the alterations to be made to accommodate the library, information centre and museum etc.?

These costs are currently being evaluated and will be consulted on as part of the LTP.

9) What is the cost for refitting the entire building for the tenants?

There is no cost for refitting tenanted areas, other than general maintenance budgeted as part of the LTP.

10) Has any of the above been budgeted for, if not, where is the money to come from?

Council resolved to purchase the building with funding incorporated in future years budgets.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Assistant at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Te Aroha Cook | Acting Chief Executive

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