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Official information request 8140008446
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Ben O'Callaghan

By email: fyi-request-15204-d13724d8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ben

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Central Library remediation works

Thank you for your email of 17 April 2021, in which you requested information about the Central Library remediation works.

The specific details of your request and our response is below

"I am looking for information regarding two issues.

Firstly, there is issue of the cost of testing. As a resident of this city, I would like to know how much has been spent testing the air quality both before and during the recent shutdown

Secondly, I wish to know what chemicals have been used in the works that have lead to the shutdown of this building. The scent of both diesel and rubber have been noted. Neither of these is advisable for long term exposure. Therefore, I wish to know what chemicals have been involved in this incident."

In October 2020, work commenced on the Roof Remediation project for the Central City Library. This project is to install a new roofing system at the Central City Library and is planned to be completed in December 2021. The project is intended to ensure the Central City Library is fit for the protection of heritage content housed there and the services for both local residents and for the flagship services as a destination for all Aucklanders and was undertaken as a result of an asset assessment that highlighted the need for the roof to be maintained and upgraded.

The library was closed on the 1st of April due to multiple complaints from customers and staff about the odours permeating the building. Acting on health and safety advice and to provide absolute assurance to staff and customers, air quality testing and product testing was undertaken by specialist contractors to ensure we could reopen safely. The total cost of all testing for the entire project is \$57,000.

The product used in the project that caused the odour was the product Hydrotech Monolithic Membrane 6125/EV. The composition of the material is a hot-applied rubberized asphalt specially formulated from refined asphalts, synthetic rubber, and inert clay filler. The application of the product created an odour which permeated the building through compromised skylights and window fixings.

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Mirla Edmundson, General Manager Connected Communities.**

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140008446.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fernanda Maciel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Fernanda Maciel
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