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TO: Lynn Worthington

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Dear Ms Worthington

**RE: OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST CSM21/503383 - DRUG & ALCOHOL  
PATHOLOGY/TESTING AT NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

I refer to the above matter and provide you information regarding same which has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

1. Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?  
*Yes*
2. If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation  
*Yes*
  - a. Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?  
*Working for Health Limited*
  - b. For each (named) service provider:  
*Working for Health Limited*
    - i. What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?  
*Urine testing in keeping with AS/NZS 4308:2008 - Procedures for specimen collection and the detection and quantitation of drugs of abuse in urine*
    - ii. In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?  
*Primarily in-house at our Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth and by arrangement at Working for Health Limited premises*
    - iii. Is the service provided under contract? If yes  
*Yes*
3. How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?  
*One*
4. What is the term of that/those contract(s)?  
*24 months*



5. What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?

*This information is being withheld under Section 7 (2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information Act as it is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*

6. Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?

*Yes*

7. What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of 'b' for previous service providers)?

*As above*

*You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how you make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.*

Yours sincerely

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