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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2022 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*The following information is sought about Mangapapa School, 5 Rua Street, Gisborne*

- 1. What was the full cost of building the original retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?*
- 2. What subsequent costs have been incurred in rectifying flood water damage to the original retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?*
- 3. What are the ongoing maintenance costs for the retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?*
- 4. How many geotec surveys were undertaken on the grounds of Mangapapa School for number 2 and number 5 Rua Street in 2020 and 2021 and what were the results of each survey?*
- 5. How many geotec surveys were undertaken on the grounds of Mangapapa School for number 2 and number 5 Rua Street in 2020 and 2021 and what were the costs of each survey?*
- 6. Are plans in place to build a new retaining wall along the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream and if so, what will it cost?*
- 7. Is reinforcing work planned on the existing retaining wall along the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream and if so, what will it cost?*
- 8. Is the Mangapapa School Hall at risk of slipping into Mangapapa Stream?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please find the responses to your individual questions below.

**Question One: *What was the full cost of building the original retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?***

The construction of building the original retaining wall was completed in 2008 at a cost of \$515,631.63 plus GST.

**Question Two: *What subsequent costs have been incurred in rectifying flood water damage to the original retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?***

As the Mangapapa Stream had the potential to undermine the original retaining wall, a Gabion rock wall was installed in 2012 to stop erosion and to stabilise the base of the retaining wall, at a cost of \$70,441.73 plus GST.

**Question Three: *What are the ongoing maintenance costs for the retaining wall on the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream?***

As previously advised, this part of your request was transferred to Mangapapa School on 4 May 2022 under sections 14(b)(i) and 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the Ministry of Education does not hold this information and as it is more closely connected to the functions of Mangapapa School.

**Question Four: *How many geotec surveys were undertaken on the grounds of Mangapapa School for number 2 and number 5 Rua Street in 2020 and 2021 and what were the results of each survey?***

We have identified two geotechnical surveys that have been commissioned and completed, as follows:

- BCD Group - 19 January 2018 (66 pages) – attached as **Appendix A**
- LDE, Land Development Engineering - 26 July 2019 (293 pages) – attached as **Appendix B**.

Each survey involved multiple tests across the site as part of the school redevelopment project.

Initial geotechnical investigations were completed in 2018 and 2019, with further investigation work completed in 2021. The outcome was that the affected site can be remediated for building construction.

**Question Five: *How many geotec surveys were undertaken on the grounds of Mangapapa School for number 2 and number 5 Rua Street in 2020 and 2021 and what were the costs of each survey?***

As noted above, two geotechnical surveys were conducted. I am withholding the costs of these under 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, as release of this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

**Question Six: *Are plans in place to build a new retaining wall along the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream and if so, what will it cost?***

There are no plans to build a new retaining wall bordering Mangapapa Stream. A palisade wall is being built as part of a classroom building foundation system for stage three of the redevelopment project.

**Question Seven: *Is reinforcing work planned on the existing retaining wall along the Mangapapa School bank bordering Mangapapa Stream and if so, what will it cost?***

There are no plans to reinforce or replace the existing retaining wall bordering Mangapapa Stream.

**Question Eight: *Is the Mangapapa School Hall at risk of slipping into Mangapapa Stream?***

There is no known risk with the Mangapapa School Hall.

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Nāku noa, nā



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