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Via FYI website

Kia ora Harris

Impact on Wellington economy of significant cuts to the public service

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 13 October 2023.

Wellington City Council has partially granted your request for information.

- Reports, briefings, notes, speaking notes, aide's memoire or similar regardless of description prepared since 1 June 2023 outlining the like impact on the Wellington economy of significant job cuts to the core public service.

In August 2023 Wellington City Council engaged Infometrics to look at the future of the economy as part of building the Long Term Plan. The report covers what a different government might mean for Wellington on page 13. The part of the report that relates to the impact of different government has been included as appendix 1.

- Information on the modelling the Council will have done on this and any plans the Council has to mitigate these risks as part of its risk management planning.

Wellington City Council has not undertaken modelling on the impact on the economy. As such we have refused this part of your request under section 17 (e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. Please note while modelling has not been undertaken in direct response to the Infometrics report we note that the state of the economy is a consideration in all our analysis on affordability of our community. In terms of mitigations, our [Economic Wellbeing Strategy](#) aims to grow and diversify those sectors of our economy that are not reliant on government, for example film, gaming, tech, and finance sectors.

- Public statements from the Mayor or Council officers on the impact of significant cuts to the public service on Wellington City.

The mayor's office and our strategic communications teams have confirmed no statements have been made on the impact of public service cuts to Wellington.

As such we have refused this part of your request under section 17 (e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Below are the documents that fall in scope of your request and my decision to release the document. Please note we have only released the part of the report relevant to your request.

Item	Document name/description	Decision
1	State of the Wellington City Economy Infometrics Report page 13	Release with redactions

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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