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### **Living Wage**

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 7 December 2022. You requested the following information:

1. A list of outstanding contracts within the Council's Accreditation Criteria that have not yet shifted to the Living Wage (if any)
2. In addition, a list of council contracts that are viewed as sitting outside of Accredited Living Wage Employer criteria. In other words, short-medium term contracts that are not utilised by the council on a regular and ongoing basis.

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

#### **Question 1**

From the available contract records, Council do not hold outstanding contracts not yet shifted to the Living Wage. Contracts noted under previous Living Wage accreditation discussions have since been activated with Living Wage provisions.

#### **Question 2**

As of November 2022, the Council moved the recording of contracts to a centralised register and on investigation, the data we hold in this register is not detailed enough to capture which contracts may sit outside of the Accredited Living Wage Employer criteria, we are therefore refusing your requests under section 17(g) of the ACT because the requested information does not exist.

However, as the Council is a Living Wage accredited organisation, Living Wage is a consideration across all contracts, and we view this as a standard that all Council contracts should have. To the best of our knowledge Council holds no contracts in place that sit outside of the Accredited Living Wage Employer criteria.

#### **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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

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

Kind regards

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