

LGOIMA response

Parks and playgrounds

RESPONDED	24/01/2024
As per your Local Government and Official Information Act request	dated 8/01/2024
please see the answers to your questions below:	
Playground inspections and audits for the Oreti Ward:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> State the actual cost in NZ\$ that were applied to each Parks & Reserves Business Unit of the Oreti Ward for the playground audits (Level 3) that were carried out in February 2022. \$0 Are there any current contracts in place for playground inspections (Level 1/2) and playground audits (Level 3), if so what portion of the total contract price in NZ\$ relates to each Parks & Reserves Business Unit for the Oreti Ward, stated per level and year, and include contract duration. <i>No level three contract is currently in place. This work is procured every three years as required. Level one and two contracts for the Oreti Ward are as follows:</i> How often are playground inspections (Level 1/2) and playground audits (Level 3) carried out for the Oreti Ward (i.e. weekly, monthly, annually)? <i>Level one: weekly Level two: quarterly Level three: every three years</i> How many SDC staff have been currently tasked to carry out Level 1/2 playground inspections for the Oreti Ward? <i>Five current staff members are trained and complete auditing of the contractor completing the works.</i> State the internal costs, if any, which were applied to each Parks & Reserves Business Unit Maintenance Actual for the Oreti Ward, for carrying out playground inspections (Level 1/2) and as separate figure for playground audits (Level 3) for year ending 2021, 2022 and 2023 and state the budget separately for inspections and audits for each P&R BU for the Oreti Ward for year ending 2024 and 2025. <i>No specific internal cost tagged, contract managers complete audits as with all maintenance and operating contracts. For all playgrounds in the Oreti community board (and all other playgrounds across the district) \$2,000 was allocated for level 1 & 2 inspections. There was no cost to the Oreti community board for any of the Level 3 inspections. These are district funded through the Open Spaces budget. The budget remains the same for the inspections in the Oreti community board area \$2,000 for the 2024 and 2025 years.</i> 	

6. How often does staff 're-new' their training for Level 1/2 playground inspections, when happened last, for how many staff, at what cost in NZ\$ and were these costs applied district wide or to each ward, and state the reasons for the re-training to be a necessity or requirement?
Last training was four staff in 2022, and two renewals, six in total. Training is required every three years by health and safety requirements. This training was District funded. The cost was \$9170.
7. Is it possible or currently planned for staff to receive qualifications to be able to undertake playground audits (Level 3) and state the reason why audits must be carried out by an external service provider?
Current resourcing does not allow for this. It is possible for staff to achieve this qualification but given its specialist nature and frequency it is not recommended that this work is completed internally.

If you have any concerns in relation to this response then you are able to raise these with the Ombudsman in accordance with Section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.