

27 August 2026

File Ref: 26-0003

By email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request – consultant spend

We refer to your official information request dated 30 July 2026, which we understand to be for:

- Selwyn Water's consultant spend since creation
- A breakdown by total amount for 2025 and 2026
- A breakdown of consultants' expenditure and the reason for it

For the period to 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, Selwyn Water has incurred \$3.1 million in expenditure classified as consultancy services.

These services reflect the specialist expertise required to support the establishment and operational readiness of Selwyn Water, including digital systems, regulatory and compliance requirements, asset management and capital delivery, financial capability, branding and design, and Water Services Strategy.

For this response, consultants are external providers engaged primarily for specialist expertise, advice, analysis, assessment or design.

The breakdown by purpose is:

Purpose	2025	2026	Total
Digital systems	\$191,891	\$708,438	\$900,329
Regulatory and compliance requirements	\$225,988	\$723,097	\$949,085
Asset management and capital delivery	-	\$556,957	\$556,957
Financial capability	\$106,420	\$54,644	\$161,064
Branding and design	\$123,006	\$171,183	\$294,189
Water Services Strategy	\$30,069	\$209,349	\$239,418

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published on our website with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Geddes', written in a cursive style.

Heather Geddes

Selwyn Water Limited

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