

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Westport Port Pilot Info Ref: 008/25
Date: Friday, 14 February 2025 10:57:41 am

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 19 January 2025.

Part of the information you have requested is marked below in red. However we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to Qs. 3 and 4 under the Local Government & Official Information & Meetings Act section 7 (2)(a) - to protect the privacy of individuals.

1. Did the BDC contract more Port Pilots, in addition to the three that we appear to have had already ?
BDC does not have 3 Pilots. BDC has a contract with Port Marlborough, and they supply one approved Pilot for Westport.
2. What is the situation with the two positions that seemed to have been advertised ?
BDC was unable to find suitable candidates for the role here in Westport.
3. Who was the Pilot for that initial entry ?
Refused under LGOIMA sec 7 (2)(a)
4. Who was the Pilot that was responsible when the vessel came back, after taking the load to Nelson ?
Refused under LGOIMA sec 7 (2)(a)
5. Was there a Pilot available during the time the vessel was moored within Harbour limits, prior to the grounding ?
Yes - noting BDC stipulates sufficient notice by Westland Mineral Sands.
6. What was the reimbursement provisions for the necessary staff, given the vessel delayed bar crossing ?
BDC pay a daily rate for the contract Pilot when they are in Westport. All costs are passed on to Westland Mineral Sands for any pilotage or attempted pilotage.
7. Were any costs associated with the Port Pilot requirements passed on to WMS ?
Yes, Westland Mineral Sands were invoiced for pilotage activities.
8. The Port would be required to have a Port Operating Plan, or similar named exposition. Did this document contain the names of those holding the senior positions, including Port Manager, Harbour Master and Pilots ?
Yes
9. Was that document correctly revised at the time and is it properly amended now ?
Yes however it is not static and is a living document that is updated as required.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

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Kind regards

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