

LGOIMA Response to Sally Parker from Aon NZ

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Dear Sally Parker,

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on Wednesday 2 October 2024. You asked for the following:

- 1. Is there a region wide CDEM group or does each Council have its own group within the region?*
- 2. Do you have any Controllers (Local and/or Group), Recovery Managers (Local and/or Group), and Welfare Managers (Local and/or Group)?*
- 3. Provide a breakdown of the individual's names and their CDEM title (e.g. Local Controller, Group Controller, Local Recovery Managers, etc)*
- 4. Are they all Council employees?*
- 5. Are they part of a CDEM group?*

Our General Manager Critical Services has provided the following answers to your questions:

1. Yes. CDEM in Southland is covered by a shared service agreement amongst Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council, Gore District Council and Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland). Emergency Management Southland is the entity responsible for providing CDEM for the whole of Southland.
2. The Controllers, Recovery Managers, and the Welfare Managers are appointed by the Southland Civil Defence Group. The Southland Group Controller is an employee of the Emergency Management Southland. There are a number of Alternate Controllers who are employees of the Councils that have the ability to be a Controller across Southland and have the authority to be Regional Recovery Managers also. The current Welfare Manager is an EMS employee and is supported by deputies across the province as and when required.
3. Jason Domigan (GM Critical Services) is the only Gore District Council employee that is currently appointed an Alternate Controller by the Southland CDEM Group. Keith McRobie (Parks and Reserves Manager) is currently in the process of being added as an Alternate Controller also.
4. Yes, as noted above. The Group Controller and Alternate Controllers work together to provide sufficient cover to ensure a Controller is on call at all times.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 209-0330.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. A. Straith', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lornae Straith
General Manager Corporate Support