

Tabled Information - Reference 060/13C(b)

WCC spending on libraries

1 Comparison of financial years 2007-2008 and 2011-2012

Year	Inflation	WCC Total Income	WCC Total Expenses	WCC Total Operational Expenses	Libraries Operational Expenditure
2007-2008	-	\$360,400,000	\$334,900,000	\$319,990,000	\$21,366,000
2011-2012	-	\$465,300,000	\$403,100,000	\$381,500,000	\$21,234,000
Change	+15%	+29.1%	+20.4%	+19.2%	- 0.6%

2 Decreasing investment over time

In the same time period the percentage of the total Council operating expenditure devoted to libraries has decreased from 6.68% to 5.61%.

If Council had kept the level of operating expenditure at 6.68% over the last five years, the libraries would be over \$8.5 million dollars better off today.

	Total Operational Expenditure	Actual Library Operational Spending	% of Total	If 2007-2008 level of Library funding (6.68%) had been maintained	Difference in Funding
2007-2008	319,990,000	21,366,000	6.68%	21,366,000	0
2008-2009	336,741,000	21,543,000	6.40%	22,484,478	941,478
2009-2010	337,088,000	21,539,000	6.39%	22,507,648	968,648
2010-2011	348,582,000	20,600,000	5.91%	23,275,112	2,675,112
2011-2012	378,501,000	21,234,000	5.61%	25,272,828	4,038,828
Total	1,720,902,000	106,282,000		114,906,066	8,624,066

3 Libraries targeted for cuts

Cuts to libraries over recent years are out of proportion to changes in other Council operations. Areas that have seen significant funding increases when comparing 2007-2008 with 2011-2012 include:

- Transport planning and policy 45.17%
- City promotions, events, attractions 57.07%
- Business support 273.71%
- Green Open Spaces 26.70%
- Water network 31.05%
- Galleries and museums 31.99%
- Recreation services 34.78%
- Community support 36.08%
- Maori engagement 127.00%

Why are libraries being targeted with significant decreases in funding when other areas clearly show a significant increase in investment?