

Operation Pike costs

New Zealand Police has received a number of requests for information on the expenses arising out of the search, rescue and recovery operation at Pike River Coal Mine.

As at the date of this release, Police has received invoices from 232 suppliers for goods or services relating to the search, rescue and recovery operation at Pike River Coal Mine.

A breakdown of expenditure is detailed below:

Drilling of boreholes	\$429,177
Engineering and equipment purchases and hireage	\$895,189
Floxxal Nitrogen System:	
• Transport	\$134,192
• Hireage	\$158,380
GAG Machine ¹ :	
• Jet Engine & Support Equipment	\$967,964
• Personnel	\$2,468,584
• Fuel	\$1,215,000
Gas monitoring and analysis	\$596,606
Gas monitoring equipment hire	\$120,126.
Professional services and consulting	\$297,460
Security	\$165,929
Water Corporation Robot	\$142,834
Helicopters	\$846,623
NZ Mines Rescue Trust	\$698,915
Australian Mines Rescue Trust	\$321,275
Freight	\$197,385
Travel	
• Flights	\$143,672
• Accommodation	\$294,494
• Rental cars	\$89,476
Other costs (such as consumables, catering, printing, stationery and other sundry expenses)	\$733,591
Total search, rescue and recovery costs paid to third parties	\$10,916,871

In addition staff allowances in the amount of \$296,488 have been paid to Police officers on rotation in Greymouth.

¹ GAG Machine means the Gorniczy Agregat Gasniczy machine provided to the Police by Queensland Mines Rescue Service and all associated spares, consumables and manuals