



# *'Base Stats with Trendz'\* Newsletter*

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*A message from:*

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**Firstly ... Compliments of the season to you all**

2010 looks like being (another) challenging year. The attendees at the recent LG Fin 09 conference though were very buoyant.

It was heartening to hear of the many Councils who have taken up the challenge and are aiming at higher performance and business excellence goals. Which brings me to our **'Base Stats with Trendz'** reports. It seems no coincidence that most of the high performers-champions of the NZ local government sector are subscribers to these reports.

At the LG Fin 09 conference we discussed the value of these reports and contrasted their usefulness and value with the announced benchmarking initiative. The two should not be confused as they have very different uses and objectives. Here is a table that demonstrates these differences.

**2010 'Base Stats with Trendz' reports ... contrasted with Benchmarking**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>2010 'Base Stats with Trendz' package</b>	<b>DIA Benchmarking proposal</b>
<b>Contrasting Purposes</b>	Long term, financial and strategic planning support ... with an emphasis upon economic outcomes and financial datasets.	Not yet certain ... but likely, when agreed to be effectiveness and efficiency measures at the detailed (managerial) level.
<b>Delivery date</b>	The 2010 <b>'Base Stats with Trendz'</b> package is scheduled for delivery by late February 2010.	Recent reports indicate 2014! for the benchmarking initiative to be 'ready' for delivery. Another three to five years would be required to develop comparable <b>'Trendz'</b> (longitudinal) data.
<b>Time requirements for (busy ) LG management in data collection and input</b>	NIL. No data related tasks are required of Councils to produce the datasets and reports of the <b>'Base Stats with Trendz'</b> reportage.	Likely to be 'significant'.
<b>Cost</b>	For the value added 2010 package of <b>'Base Stats with Trendz'</b> reports ... \$3,000.	Yet to be declared. Council costs will be significant (OIA request pending).
<b>Usefulness and value for money</b>	25 to 30 regular Council subscribers to these reports many of them leaders in the fields of performance improvement in the sector testify to their value for money.	Yet to be determined.
<b>Deliverables</b>	Too numerous to detail see <a href="http://www.kauriglen.co">www.kauriglen.co</a> for full particulars of the value added 2010 <b>'Base Stats with Trendz'</b> package deal.	Yet to be determined.

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Kind regards

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\* The 2010 **'Base Stats with Trendz'** Reports, incorporating the **'Outcomes-Results'** module, ([www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/basestats/index.htm](http://www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/basestats/index.htm)) are a comprehensive set of New Zealand Local Government performance reports. A catalogue of all of the **'Base Stats'** products and datasets is at [www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/index.htm](http://www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/index.htm) Should you require a hard copy of this catalogue then please contact Larry directly.