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28 February 2020

Andrew Frazer

Via email: fyi-request-12120-9dcbc699@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Andrew

Response to official information request for Instructions provided to Ernst Young for fuel card investigation

I refer to your request for official information received 30 January 2020 relating to instructions provided to Ernst Young for fuel card investigation. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. ***Please provide a copy of the instructions that were provided to Ernst Young, in relation to engaging them to investigate and audit the fuel card use by Mike Tana in 2019.***
 - Instructions to Ernst Young were oral at a meeting on Friday 27 September. **Attached** is an email exchange following up those instructions.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Hannah Henderson, Hannah.henderson@porirua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

Wendy Walker
Chief Executive
Kaiwhakahaere Matua

Diane Koha

Subject: Confidential - Fuelcard assurance

From: Wendy Walker
Sent: Monday, 30 September 2019 2:26 PM
To: Grant Taylor <Grant.Taylor@nz.ey.com>
Cc: Roy Baker <Roy.Baker@porirua.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Confidential - Fuelcard assurance

Kia ora Grant

Thank you for your response and your time today. I am happy for you to follow up these queries with the Mayor. I will provide you with his contact details.

Can you please give me a timeframe that you will be able to get back to me on the substantive issues.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi,

Wendy Walker
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From: Grant Taylor [<mailto:Grant.Taylor@nz.ey.com>]
Sent: Monday, 30 September 2019 2:10 p.m.
To: Wendy Walker
Cc: Roy Baker
Subject: Confidential - Fuelcard assurance

Kia ora Wendy

Following our conversation this morning I have reviewed the fuelcard log spreadsheet and extracts from the Mayor's diary that you provided. I have also discussed the information and proposed nature of our support with Chris Faherty who leads our forensics practice in NZ.

Based on my perusal of the information you provided earlier today I support the conclusion you have reached, that is, on face value there are 6 fuelcard transactions appearing on the Mayor's card which seem to imply mileage travelled since the previous refuelling is at odds with the commitments appearing in the Mayor's diary.

As discussed at our meeting earlier today we would be happy to support you in seeking appropriate responses to the questions you have put to the Mayor in connection with these 6 transactions and consider any further evidence that could be made available.

If you are in agreement, I would be happy to contact the Mayor and make these inquiries directly of him. In any such meeting I would propose that I seek the Mayor's consent to contact the request the CCTV security camera footage from the BP locations from which the fuel was purchased. If you are happy for me to contact the Mayor directly could you please arrange for his contact details to be provided and I will call him.

If you were updating Council on these ongoing matters I would not be referring to this as an investigation. At this stage you simply have some unresolved questions regarding the probity of costs that have been incurred and you are seeking explanations. You have asked EY to support you in considering the quality of the responses and supporting information when it is received.

In terms of EY's engagement, I propose we regard this as a variation to the audit engagement and charge on time and materials basis. This would seem the most administratively efficient process given the small amount of time this support ought to take reflecting how few transactions are being queried at this time.

Best regards
Grant

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