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Mr Ryan Potts

Sent by email: [fyi-request-12378-f135f8f7@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-12378-f135f8f7@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Ryan Potts

### REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your request for information contained in your email of 4 March 2020 requesting all correspondence between council and the Minister for Regional Economic Development, his staff or any persons acting on his behalf in relation to the Provincial Growth Fund since 26 October 2017.

We have decided to grant your request, although some information may be withheld under section 7(2) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

However, given the amount of resource required to process your request, we have decided to charge for making the requested information available. We estimate that the maximum charge will be \$2900.00 (made up of 36.5 hours @ \$76 per hour and 530 pages of photocopying @ 10c per page).

Before we proceed further with your request, please confirm your agreement to the charge.

Due to the large quantity of information being requested, the necessity to consult with other parties, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonable interfere with operations, the information you requested cannot be provided within the 20 working day time period beginning from your original request on 4 March 2020. Council will send you the information within 20 working days of receiving your confirmation to the charge and prepare an invoice based on actual costs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Darryl Jones, Economist, at [darrylj@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:darrylj@nrc.govt.nz), 09 470 1247. Darryl will be able to assist you should you wish to change or refine your request in order to reduce or remove the need to charge.

Yours faithfully



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