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Official information request No. 8140008983
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Krista Stevens

By email: fyi-request-16186-06691455@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Krista

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Code of Conduct Investigations

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2021 where you requested information regarding Code of Conduct investigations. Your specific request and our response are set out below.

May I please have information on every code of conduct that has been or is being investigated in Auckland Council this term 2019 onward. (We note when we asked you to clarify your request you specified you were interested in investigations into code of conduct breaches by elected members both Councillors and Local Board members).

Current Auckland Council elected members, including the mayor, ward councillors and local board members, were elected through the 2019 Auckland Council local elections. All successful candidates were officially inaugurated into their representative roles in early November 2019. Our response to your request refers only to complaints received from this point in time.

You have asked for information regarding investigations into *breaches* of the Code. A complaint will only be referred to as a *breach* once it has gone through a process of assessment and investigation and, as a result, is found to be a *breach* and has not been resolved. Therefore, we are only providing you with information regarding complaints that have been through a full process of assessment and investigation and are now complete.

From the beginning of the current term until the date of your request there have been 23 complaints where either a member of the public, an Auckland Council staff member, or another elected member has made a complaint to the Auckland Council Chief Executive alleging that an elected member has breached the Code.

Of those 23 complaints, none were found to constitute *breaches* of the Code following assessment, investigation, and resolution.

However, please see below for further details about the various outcomes:

- 12 were resolved with no further action
- 2 were resolved through successful mediation
- 2 were withdrawn by the complainant
- 1 was resolved through an apology
- 6 were dismissed on various grounds.

For more information on how Auckland Council currently processes alleged breaches of the Code, please see Section 4 of the Auckland Council Elected Members Code of Conduct 2021, which you can access through the [Auckland Council website](#).

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Rose Leonard Manager Governance Services**.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140008983.

Yours sincerely



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