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Tēnā koe Max

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 6 May 2022 for information about the lease agreement between Hutt City Council and the Maungaraki Community Association relating to the Maungaraki Community Centre. Specifically, you have asked:

Could you please advise how much the Maungaraki Community Association has paid to the Hutt City Council for each of the past ten years under the 50% profit share provision of the lease for the Maungaraki Community Centre? Please also forward me all correspondence the Council has had over the past ten years with the Association on the particular matter.

By way of context, the Maungaraki Community Centre is owned by the Hutt City Council. It is leased to Maungaraki Community Association for \$100 per annum or for half the amount by which the Maungaraki Community Centre's income exceeds its expenditure in each preceding financial year, whichever is the greater amount. However this is subject to negotiation based on the Maungaraki Community Association's annual report of its operations.

Hutt City Council has invoiced Maungaraki Community Association the following amounts over the past 10 years:

	2021 -22	2020 -21	2019 -20	2018 -19	2017 -18	2016 -17	2015 -16	2014 -15	2013 -14	2012 -13
HCC Property Rent/Leases (GST exclusive)	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	-	100	100

The Maungaraki Community Centre was leased to Maungaraki Community Association for \$100 per annum or thereabouts. Accordingly, your request to be provided with correspondence relating to lease of the Community Centre for above \$100 (ie. under the profit share option of the lease) is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested is not held by Hutt City Council and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- i. held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or
- ii. connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation:

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sales', written in a cursive style.

Susan Sales
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy