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Tēnā koe Kalan

INFORMATION REQUEST – Cost of legal proceedings for the Chopper case

We write in response to your email dated 21 August 2023 in which you requested the following information:

I would like to know how much of our rates payers money has been spent fighting the case against chopper the dog that supposedly bit a vet?

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows:

Council has spent \$70,663 to date in legal fees for the proceedings involving Ms Fraser relating to Chopper.

It is not disputed that Chopper bit a veterinary surgeon on the arm causing serious injury, including a fractured ulnar. Ms Fraser accepted that her dog attacked the vet and caused this injury.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Coral Hair".

Coral Hair
Manager
Democracy Services and Governance Services