

6 November 2023

J H Wilkie

Via email: fyi-request-24358-db8768c3@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear J Wilkie

Request for information in relation to mayoral expenses

1. We refer to your request for Official Information received by Council on 8 October 2023 for the following information:
 - a. *Please provide copies of all Mayoral expenses since he/she was elected (for their entire tenure if they were re-elected). Happy to receive only the last seven years if he/she has been in office for longer.*
 - b. *This information should be readily available so should not need to be created, nor should it be difficult to extract. This should also not come at an expense as the public interest test should be applied.*
 - c. *Costs should include, but not be limited to travel and accommodation costs, vehicle / fuel / EV costs etc, hospitality / entertainment, gifts, public relations, advertising etc. This must include amounts charged to existing accounts, not just expenditure claimed back from him/him in the form of claims. This will include the reasons for spending public money.*
2. The LGOIMA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we receive your request. Unfortunately, due to the quantity of information involved, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to **15 November 2023**.
3. This extension is required because consultations with Council's Finance Team are necessary to make a decision on your request. These are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.
4. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision in relation to the extension under LGOIMA. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sharon Mason'.

Sharon Mason
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER