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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *Mayor Tory Whanu has already publicly declared some of the occasions she has caught covid, so this is a simple request for clarification of all the dates and number of times the Mayor has had Covid since being elected in 2022 resulting in her notifying her staff or unable to attend events and come into the office.*

Please provide all communications if any, concerning the above.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Please see below for all instances where Mayor Whanau has been unwell with Covid-19.


- 25 December 2022 – 31 December 2022
- 31 July 2023 – 2 August 2023
- 27 November 2023 – 1 December 2023
- 21 June 2024 – 23 June 2024
- 26 August 2024 – 1 September 2024

In each instance, Mayor Whanau has phoned her Chief of Staff to advise, and the Chief of Staff has then verbally informed the mayor's office. As these occurrences have all been through verbal communications, there is no documentation to be released.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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