

26 February 2018

Official Information Request No. 8140002480
 (Please quote this in any correspondence)

Alex Harris
 By email - fyi-request-7170-30fc8b99@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alex

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
Re: cost of a LGOIMA request

I refer to your email, which we received on 26 January 2018, requesting information about the estimated cost of a Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) (LGOIMA) request which was published in a Spinoff article on 25 January 2018.

Auckland Council estimates the average cost of processing and responding to a LGOIMA request at \$611 per request.

There are three cost areas that make up the \$611 average:

- Central LGOIMA team - 6 full time employees (Business Partners) plus 80% of the time of their Manager
- Cost of non LGOIMA staff time – based on median salary estimated from Annual Report information publicly available.

The breakdown of the average cost for each of these categories is:

LGOIMA staff	\$481	79%
Non-LGOIMA staff	\$130	21%
Total average cost	\$611	

Background information:

- Period looked at was 12 months from April 2016 – March 2017
- No of LGOIMAs responded to for this period was 1,050
- For 65% of these requests the number of hours spent by staff outside the central LGOIMA team was recorded
- The average number of hours for non – LGOIMA staff per LGOIMA for the year was 3.3hrs

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.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140002480.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Parry-Crooke', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Parry-Crooke
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