

29 March 2018

Official Information Request No. 8140002607
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

James Lohead
By email: fyi-request-7334-7b124fac@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear James

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Communication prior to meeting on Notice of Motion

I refer to your email, which we received on 1 March 2018, requesting information about communication to the SPCA and others prior to the meeting on the Notice of Motion relating to the proposed fireworks ban.

Please provide all communications between Auckland Council and SPCA regarding fireworks between 2015 and now

Please see attached a copy of the correspondence identified between Auckland Council and SPCA between January 2015 and February 2017. Please note some information has been withheld in accordance with section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), to protect the privacy of people involved.

In addition to the correspondence provided, two emails between Auckland Council and SPCA have been identified as relating to event permits in 2015 and 2016. The event permit form mentions “fireworks” as default wording, however is not related to the topic of your request. As such, these emails has not been provided in the attached correspondence.

Please provide all information regarding fireworks complaints received by Cr Cathy Casey and Cr Fa’anana Efeso Collins

Cr Collins had informal, in person conversations with members of the public regarding fireworks. Cr Casey has not received any fireworks complaints. Accordingly this part of your request for information is refused under section 17(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Is Cr Casey a member of ‘Ban the Boom’ and has she posted on their pages regarding the firework sales ban?

Cr Casey is not a member of “Ban the Boom NZ” Facebook page.

After her Notice of Motion was accepted for the Governing Body meeting in February 2018, Cr Casey posted it on her own Facebook pages. The administrator of the “Ban the Boom NZ” Facebook page saw the post and contacted Cr Casey via Facebook asking permission to copy and share it. Cr Casey added comments to these posts to share further information regarding her Notice of Motion.

**Has the cultural significance and the Human Rights Act been taken into account?
Please provide all relevant information.**

Please refer to Sarah Parry-Crooke's letter of 29 March 2018, for Official Information Request No. 8140002601. This letter details the process for making any amendments to a bylaw, including consideration of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and other factors.

Please provide all communication to the firework industry, prior to the [Governing Body] meeting [on 22 February 2018]?

There was no communication between the Governance Advisor team (responsible for the organisation and management of Governing Body meetings) and the fireworks industry prior to this meeting. Accordingly this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act.

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. 8140002607.

Yours sincerely

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

Amelia Lamb
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