

18 April 2013

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By email to: fyi-request-793-e7db3ea4@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Black

Decision on Entertainment by Accounting or Legal Consultancies to Wellington City Council.

Thank you for your request, received by the Council on 18 March 2013 requesting information about what you describe as “entertainment provided by accounting or legal consultancies in the last six months to the Wellington City Council”.

The Council holds hard copy information from individual business units and Directorates who must submit a monthly gift register. This is for all gifts given and received and any entertainment received by outside entities (including nil returns). The information is manually held on a file for fringe benefit tax purposes and up to 50 business units can provide returns each month.

It will take officer time to review every single gift file (for the last 6 months) and determine if each register meets the scope of your request. This is because the information is not easily made available or able to be aggregated in the manner of your request. If the information is determined to be held then it will also have to be manually entered onto another recording sheet. This will also take substantial officer time to collate and research.

As the request currently stands, the Council has reasonable grounds to refuse your request under section 17 (f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. As such, you may wish to refine your request further for a shorter period of time and if so, please come back to me to discuss.

If you disagree with the decision to refuse your request, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely



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