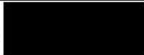




23 April 2025



Dear 

Request for Official Information

Dunedin City Council (DCC) has received two requests for official information from you dated 19 and 25 February 2025. These seek:

1. Instructions to Deloitte for their work including who instructed them to investigate 2 protected disclosures;
2. The Deloitte report;
3. Information provided to Councillors at a public meeting on 11 February 2025;
4. Details of the work Anderson Lloyd has completed;
5. The updated costs of any legal fees incurred; and
6. The updated costs of Deloitte's work.

Decision on information requested

DCC has made the following decisions:

It can be confirmed that Warren Allen, the independent Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee gave instructions for Deloitte to carry out its investigation of two protected disclosures.

The request to release any terms of service, emails or documents instructing Deloitte is declined under section 7(2)(a), 7(c)(i) and (ii), and 7(2)(g) of LGOIMA 1987. This is to maintain the privacy of identifiable persons, maintain obligations of confidence that exist when dealing with these protected disclosures and to maintain legal professional privilege.

Release of the Deloitte report itself is also refused under sections 7(2)(a), (c)(i) and (ii), and (g) of LGOIMA 1987. The outcome of the Deloitte report has been explained by the Mayor in public statements and the Mayor indicated no further comment will be made. This satisfies the public interest to the extent DCC can explain an investigation had occurred and what the outcome was. It has been considered whether an executive summary or redacted version of this report could be provided but this would go beyond the Mayor's public statements and compromise the interests protected by sections 7(2)(a), (c)(i) and (ii), and (g) of LGOIMA 1987.

Release of information provided to Councillors at a public excluded meeting on 11 February 2025 is declined for the same reasons under sections 7(2)(a), (c)(i) and (ii), and (g) of LGOIMA 1987.



In terms of the request to release details about the work of DCC lawyers Anderson Lloyd, instructions or legal advice provided by DCC's lawyers is declined to maintain legal professional privilege under section 7(2)(g) of LGOIMA 1987.

Your requests have been assessed overall whether information should be released in the public interest. You are seeking a range of information relating to two protected disclosures. There are strict statutory and DCC Policy duties of confidentiality with any protected disclosure. The Mayor though has provided public statements reported in the ODT about the existence of this investigation and summarised the outcome and indicated that no further comment would be made. This is considered to address the public interest in knowing an investigation has occurred and the outcome. In this context it is considered there are a very strong reasons that DCC is unable to release any more of the information you have requested.

Cost of Legal Fees

DCC is able to release the costs incurred by DCC for legal fees. DCC has been invoiced \$58,483.45 (including GST). This is the total cost as of 31 March 2025.

Cost of Deloitte Fees

DCC is able to release the costs incurred by DCC for Deloitte's investigation fees. DCC has been invoiced \$247,900.82 (including GST). This is the total cost as of 31 March 2025.

Rights to review the above decision

I note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards

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