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**To:** [Michael \(mike@ond.co.nz\)](mailto:Michael(mike@ond.co.nz))  
**Cc:** [Alan Worthington](#)  
**Subject:** Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request Saddle View Estates Limited - Cost incurred by DCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, 3 February 2015 04:10:46 p.m.

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Dear Michael,

I refer to your email of 16 December 2014 requesting the following information:

*Full disclosure of the Dunedin City Council entire costs from November 2002 to the present day regarding the Saddle Hill Quarries, both Upper and Lower Quarries. The scope of these costs, should include legal fees, internal cost for all planners, the Chief Executive's time and expenses, Mr Alan Worthington, Phil Marshall, Sophie Lord, Campbell Thompson, and all other secretarial and Council staff for time worked and also the costs for helicopter and plane flights and photographers – i.e. all costs relevant to these issues.*

You informed us that these costings will form part of Saddle Views Estate Limited's Court case defence for the Lower Quarry and so will be submitted to the Courts.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of LGOIMA and the following response is provided.

The total legal fees paid by the DCC with respect to Saddle View Estates Limited since 2008 is \$181,022.70 (Upper quarry \$161,795.70 and Lower quarry \$19,227.00).

Most DCC staff do not record their time. While the planners keep detailed time records for resource consent processing, there is no detailed record for other work undertaken by Resource Consent team staff. Therefore we are unable to provide you internal costs for planners, the Chief Executive, the individual staff members listed in your request nor any other staff. Technically this is a refusal to supply information pursuant to section 17(g) of LGOIMA as we do not hold the information.

The DCC paid \$230 plus gst for one helicopter flight in 2012 and in 2014 the DCC purchased aerial photographs for \$1,411.50.

The total costs are recorded in the chart below:

<b>DCC Expenses Incurred – Saddle View Estates Limited quarry 2002- December 2014</b>			
Year	Description		Amount
2002- 2014(December)	Legal Fees	Upper Quarry	161,795.70
	Legal Fees	Lower Quarry	19,227.00
2012	Helicopter Flight		230.00
2014	Historic aerial photographs		1,411.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>182,664.20</b>

As you will be aware, as we have declined to provide you with some information, you have the right pursuant to section 27 of LGOIMA to have our decision to decline information, reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

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