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Cc: [Graham McKerracher](#)
Subject: LGOIMA request - Community Boards
Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2015 02:40:38 p.m.

Good afternoon Chris,

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2015 requesting information about costs associated with community boards. Your request has been considered under the provisions of LGOIMA and the following response is provided. I have repeated your questions to give context to our response.

I'd like to establish (as close as possible) the cost of community boards to the council per annum in the most recently available 12-month period (calendar or financial year).

Your intention is noted

I'd like a breakdown for each board, showing the individual remuneration of each board member, listed by name, position and amount received, together with the total remuneration bill for each board.

Remuneration of elected members is set by the Remuneration Authority. I am attaching a report "Elected Member Remuneration Rates for 2014/15" which sets out the information requested. Full details of community board membership and roles held by community board members are available on our website.

I'd also like a list of budgets available for each board to spend (eg discretionary fund and any other), the total spend within each budget, and the total spend across them all, for each board, during the period.

Response: Each community board is allocated \$10,000 annually to spend on projects which meet their funding criteria. Each board has their own funding guidelines, which are included in their Community Plans which are available on our website.

I'd also like any available estimate of associated meeting costs (travel costs for staff, board members and councillors, staff time, misc. costs, etc) across the boards.

Response: Staff and board members do not record their time when attending community board meetings. Similarly staff and board members do not record their travel in attending board members. Councillor Lord who is the councillor appointed to the Strath Taieri Community Board, and Councillor Wilson who is the councillor appointed to the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board receive \$84.70 per meeting attendance for mileage.

Also, if possible, I'd like one figure giving the nearest possible estimate of what the boards have cost the DCC in total since amalgamation.

We do not hold this information and therefore decline to provide this information pursuant to section 17(g) of LGOIMA.

Lastly, is anyone there aware of any understanding (written policy or other) that the boards were intended to be an interim thing, lasting only six years, when first established? If so, can I get a copy of that and/or any details, plus what happened or changed to allow them to continue?

We hold comprehensive information in our Archives system from the representation reviews which were carried out in 1991, 1994, 1997 and 2001. I am attaching reports from these representation reviews. You are most welcome to view the historic files if you would like further information.

The information provided in response to your request may be downloaded from the following link:

<https://filetransfer.dcc.govt.nz/message/Q0Mg1Vs47NdnFcuyfpO68V>

As we have declined to provide you with some information, you have the right pursuant to section 2(3) of LGOIMA to have our decision to withhold information, reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

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