

From: Grace Ockwell
To: ["Abigail"](#)
Cc: [Kristy Rusher](#)
Subject: RE: Local Government Official Information request - 518352
Date: Friday, 2 October 2015 01:34:04 p.m.

Good afternoon Abigail,

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2015 requesting information about artworks owned by the Dunedin City Council.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and the following response is provided.

I have repeated your questions to give context to our response. You requested information on:

1. the total number of artworks owned
2. the total value of the same
3. the number of those artworks on public display; and
4. the value and description of the most valuable item.

You also asked that we provide a list of all artworks worth more than \$100,000 and that we include each item's value and description.

With respect to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery's (DPAG) collection, we advise:

1. 8070 works are held in trust for the public of Dunedin by DPAG.
2. The combined value of these 8070 works is approximately \$80 million.
3. Records are not kept of the numbers of works on display as this number fluctuates many times during any given year; however we advise that at least 40% of gallery space is dedicated for display of items owned by DPAG.
4. The value and description of the most valuable items is withheld pursuant to section 7(e) of LGOIMA as withholding the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public. The DCC does not wish to provide a potential "shopping list" of the most valuable items at DPAG.
5. 132 items are valued at \$100,000 or more. The value and description of the most valuable item is withheld on the same grounds as the information in the response to question 4.

With respect to the Dunedin City Council's collection we advise:

1. The total number of artworks (including photographs) in the DCC collection is 282.
2. Not all artworks have been valued. The total value of artworks that have been valued (69) is \$322,700.
3. Records are not kept of the numbers of works on display as this number fluctuates many times during any given year. However we calculate approximately 95% of the artworks owned by the DCC are on display in Council buildings.
4. The value and description of the most valuable item is withheld pursuant to section 7(e) of LGOIMA as withholding the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.
5. No items of artwork are valued at \$100,000 or more.

With respect to the Toitu Otago Settlers' Museum collection we advise:

1. The total number of artworks in the Toitu Otago Settlers' Museum (TOSM) is 1483 made up as follows: Oils: 200, Watercolours: 472, Fine Prints / Works on Paper: 441, Portraits: 320 and Albums: approximately 50.
2. The total collection held by TOSM which includes more than artworks has been

valued; however no individual artworks have been valued and therefore this information does not exist and cannot be supplied. We rely on the grounds of section 17(e) of LGOIMA in declining to provide this information.

3. Records are not kept of the numbers of works on display as this number fluctuates many times during any given year.
4. The value and description of the most valuable item is withheld pursuant to section 7(e) of LGOIMA as withholding the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.
5. As no individual artworks have been valued, the information requested does not exist and therefore cannot be supplied. We rely on the grounds of section 17(e) of LGOIMA in declining to provide this information.

As some information has been withheld/declined you have the right pursuant to section 27 of LGOIMA to have our decision reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2015 3:35 p.m.

To: Grace Ockwell

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Abigail has submitted a LGOIMA request - 518352.

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

see attached

File attachment

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