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Garrick Wright-McNaughton

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Dear Mr Wright-McNaughton

Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act (LGOIMA) request

I am writing in response to your email dated 25 January 2018. Please see our responses to your questions below:

a) The number of sick days taken by staff in terms of full working days for the 2016/17 year

The number of sick days taken by staff for the 2016/17 financial year was 4,007.55 days.

b) A list of Councillors, detailing the number of council meetings each councillor attended and the number each councillor missed.

The list of councillors is as follows:

Mayor Dave Cull Deputy Mayor Chris Staynes

Cr David Benson-Pope
Cr Christine Garey
Cr Aaron Hawkins
Cr Mike Lord
Cr Jim O'Malley
Cr Lee Vandervis
Cr Rachel Elder
Cr Rachel Elder
Cr Doug Hall
Cr Damian Newell
Cr Conrad Stedman
Cr Andrew Whiley

Cr Kate Wilson

With respect to the number of council meetings each councillor attended, we have decided to decline your request under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I advise that the information you have requested is not held in this form by our information system. All Councillors are required to apologise if they are unable to attend a meeting and this is recorded in the minutes. A list of who attended each meeting is not retained.

I note however that all minutes of meetings are available on the website and you are welcome to search them for the information you require at http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/your-council/agendas-minutes.

As we have decided to withhold part of your request for information, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Lapham

Governance Support Officer