

14 March 2018

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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information and Meeting Request (LGOIMA) for time and costs relating to LGNZ activities

I am writing in response to your LGOIMA request dated 14 February 2018, concerning time and costs on LGNZ activities.

Attendances and time spent on LGNZ activities

You have requested that we supply to you all information we have concerning attendances and time spent by any DCC staff and Councillors, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on LGNZ activities, from 1 July 2017 to date. As you have already received a copy of the Mayor's diary, I have not included his information in the response below. I advise that the Deputy Mayor did not spend any time on LGNZ activities during the period.

Event / Activity	Date	Total Hours	Attendee
LGNZ Conference (3 day conference in Auckland)	23-25 July 2017	37.5	Cr Aaron Hawkins Dr Sue Bidrose (2 days only)
Zone 6 Community Boards (1 day in Gore)	9 Sept 2017	7.5	Cr Christine Garey
LG Trafinz Workshop (1 day in Wellington)	13 Sept 2017	15	Two staff members
Zone 5 & 6 meeting (1 day in Cromwell)	13 Oct 2017	10	Cr Aaron Hawkins
Metro Sector meeting (1 day in Christchurch)	10 Nov 2017	7.5	Dr Sue Bidrose
LGNZ Roadshow (2.5 hours in Dunedin)	29 Nov 2017	10	Cr Aaron Hawkins Dr Sue Bidrose Two staff members
Governance & Strategy Advisory Group meetings (two 1 day meetings in Wellington)	7 Dec 2017 26 Feb 2018 Audio conferences	25.5	Cr Aaron Hawkins
Young Elected Members Committee (1 meeting in Wellington, phone calls)	26 February 2018 (meeting) Phone calls – various dates.	14.5	Cr Aaron Hawkins
Zone meeting – writing updates	Various dates	20	Cr Christine Garey
Community Board Executive Committee (3 meetings, 2 days each)	2/3 August 17 15/16 Nov 17 21/22 Feb 18	45	Cr Christine Garey
Total hours spent on LGNZ activities		192.5	

Payments by or on behalf of LGNZ

I wish to confirm that we have not had payments made to or through the DCC by LGNZ, or on behalf of LGNZ to any council staff and / or elected member, and have no record of any such payments.

Sums paid to LGNZ or for LGNZ related activities

With respect to your request for any sums paid to LGNZ or for LGNZ related activities from 1 July 2017, I advise that the DCC has budgeted to pay an annual subscription fee to LGNZ of \$112,815 (incl. GST) for the 2017/18 financial year.

In respect of other sums paid for LGNZ related activities, I advise that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, as the information is not held in a form that is easily accessible. We estimate that it would take approximately 10 hours to find the information requested. If you would like us to proceed with your request, I advise that the first three hours are free and then a charge of \$38 per half hour would be made to you to cover the cost of collation. I would be grateful if you could advise me of whether or not you wish us to proceed with your request.

As we have decided to impose a charge to enable part of your request to be granted, I advise that you have the right, under section 27(3) to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about the charge. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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