

16 April 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Request – cost of catering for councillors 2018 - 2021**

Thank you for your information request received on 9 March seeking the cost of catering for councillors for the following periods: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020 to 28 February 2021.

The catering costs for councillors attending Council/Committee meetings and workshops for the financial years 2018 to 2021 are:

2018/2019	\$4,139.50
2019/2020	\$18,811.57
2020/2021	\$8,054.21 (for the period 1 July 2020 to 28 February 2021)

The higher catering costs incurred in the 2019/2020 financial year was due to additional meetings held at the beginning of the new triennium of Council (2019 – 2022):

- Farewell function for outgoing 2016-2019 triennium councillors
- Inaugural meeting of the 2019-2022 Council and welcome function
- Induction training of councillors

I hope that this information answers your request.

Yours sincerely



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