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To: ["David.Williams@newsroom.co.nz"](mailto:David.Williams@newsroom.co.nz)
Subject: LGOIMA Response for Ministerial Hospital-Related Announcements
Date: Thursday, 12 December 2024 3:51:00 pm
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Kia ora David

I write about your further LGOIMA request received 21 November 2024 regarding Ministerial Hospital-Related Announcements.

You further asked:

Further to confirmation by the Mayor's office that Mr Radich agreed to have two staff members attend the ministerial hospital announcement on September 26, please provide all external and internal communications to and from the mayor's office about this matter, and council staff attending any other hospital-related announcements. This should include, but not be limited to, ministerial offices, the chief executive's office, and unions. The timeframe of my request is from September 26 to today's date, inclusive. Can DCC also confirm if those staffers, or others in the mayor's office, attended any other hospital-related announcements and if, on those occasions, the mayor agreed to their presence and, potentially, them asking questions?

Response:

Having carried out an additional search of our records, we have been unable to locate any further external and internal communications. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined pursuant to Section 17 (e) of the LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Staff attended the Prime Minister's media stand-up on 7 October 2024 and MP Hipkins's media stand-up on 25 October 2024 as part of our BAU. Staff were in attendance at the 7 October 2024 stand-up as we had been tasked with organising it. One staff member filmed the stand-up for possible use on the DCC social channels as part of our Civil Defence response. Other staff performed other roles such as welcoming media to the stand-up. Staff did not ask any questions at the stand-up. Two staff members were in attendance at the 25 October 2024 stand-up as MP Hipkins was discussing both the DCC response to the weather event and the SOS Hospital campaign. Staff filmed the stand-up for possible use on the SOS Hospital social channels. Staff did not ask any questions at the stand-up.

As we have declined a portion of your request 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

Kā mihi

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From: Office Of The Mayor <Office.Mayor@dcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 21 November 2024 4:29 pm
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request

From: David Williams <David.Williams@newsroom.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 21 November 2024 3:39 p.m.
To: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Office Of The Mayor <Office.Mayor@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request

Kia ora Jenny: Further to confirmation by the Mayor's office that Mr Radich agreed to have two staff members attend the ministerial hospital announcement on September 26, please provide all external and internal communications to and from the mayor's office about this matter, and council staff attending any other hospital-related announcements. This should include, but not be limited to, ministerial offices, the chief executive's office, and unions. The timeframe of my request is from September 26 to today's date, inclusive. Can DCC also confirm if those staffers, or others in the mayor's office, attended any other hospital-related announcements and if, on those occasions, the mayor agreed to their presence and, potentially, them asking questions?

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. My deadline for responses is always the same day, if possible. All comments should be attributable to a named spokesperson.

Ngā mihi,
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