

From: [Sharon Bodeker](#)
To: [Grant Miller](#)
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942
Date: Friday, 13 December 2024 12:34:00 pm
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Kia ora Grant

In response to your request for information below, we can confirm that the cost of undertaking the entire exercise relating to the Aurora Energy proposal totalled \$242,843.

This includes both Dunedin City Holdings Ltd costs (\$175,185) and DCC costs (\$67,658), and covers both the 1 July 2024 workshop and the three consultancy reports (Mafic, Sapere and TX1), but does not include staff time.

A breakdown is provided in the below table.

As you will be aware, the Aurora Energy proposal was a significant decision for Council, and the costs involved reflect the need to seek detailed information to ensure Councillors could make the best possible decision on behalf of the community.

Cost	\$
Legal fees	36,497
Printing	6,670
Other consultancy	23,300
Travel and accommodation	8,161
Mafic - consultancy	102,163
Sapere - consultancy	45,839
TX1 - consultancy	20,213
Total	\$242,843

I trust this answers your query.

Ngā mihi

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From: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 7 November 2024 3:42 p.m.
To: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Hello,

Looking to check where this request is up to.

Also, I'm not sure if it's clear from the below that we're still interested in the costs relating to the workshop.

I don't know how easy it would be to add this in, but might there be a cost figure or breakdown for the entire exercise of proposing, consulting and decision-making?

Regards,

Grant Miller
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From: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Kia Ora Grant

I refer to your request for information as follows:

“I can confirm we are interested in information only as it relates to the potential sale of Aurora. But it seems to me discussion of debt and profit, for example, is relevant to this. I'm aware of emails where in which the subject is "Debt Limit" and I wasn't sure if these would certainly be caught in an Aurora sale search. However, the proposed sale of Aurora is the point of interest.”

I am writing to confirm that we are just completing our review of the information and will provide the information to you by Friday.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jenny

Kā mihi

[Jennifer Lapham](#)

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From: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 3:11 p.m.
To: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

OK. Thanks.

Grant Miller

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From: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 2:26 PM
To: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Kia Ora Grant

Thank you for clarifying your request. We will search along the lines you have indicated. However it is still likely to take substantial collation and research and pursuant to section 17 (f) of LGOIMA we are extending the time to respond to your request by 20 working days (18 September 2024).

As we have extended the time to respond to your request you are advised that you have the right to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

Jennifer Lapham

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From: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 8 August 2024 9:24 p.m.

To: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Hello,

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From: Jenny Lapham <Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:45 AM

To: Grant Miller <grant.miller@odt.co.nz>

Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Kia Ora Grant

I refer to your LGOIMA request below. Just wish to seek clarification you have asked for

what written correspondence there has been among Dunedin elected members, Dunedin City Holdings Ltd and senior Dunedin City Council staff about Aurora Energy since May 1 this year. This would include discussion of debt, forecast borrowing and the proposal to sell.

The information you are requesting may involve searching through a large quantity of e-mails and at this time, your request for e-mails is likely to be refused under section 17(f) of LGOIMA, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. However you may wish to consider refining your request to be more specific in relation to the information you are seeking and if it is related only to the proposed sale of Aurora.

If we have not heard from you within 5 days we will provide our response based on your original request. Please note, we are able to provide a response to the request in relation to the workshop.

I am happy to discuss this with you, my cell phone number is 0212296166.

Kā mihi

Jennifer Lapham

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From: DCC Webmaster <webmaster@dcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 24 July 2024 9:53 a.m.

To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Local Government Official Information request - 1062942

Grant has submitted a LGOIMA request - 1062942.

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

Hello, I'm wondering what written correspondence there has been among Dunedin elected members, Dunedin City Holdings Ltd and senior Dunedin City Council staff about Aurora Energy since May 1 this year. This would include discussion of debt, forecast borrowing and the proposal to sell. Also, DCHL hosted a workshop on July 1. What was the cost of this exercise, including flights for people who participated? Was any accommodation required? What was the cost of obtaining reports from Sapere, Mafic Partners, Forsyth Barr and TX1 Insight/Mercer?

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