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Dear Katie

Thank you for your official information request, received on 23 July 2019 for information on all trips taken by the Mayor to China in the past 5 years, including where the Mayor travelled to during the trip, the officials the Mayor met during the trip, how long the trip was, purpose of the trip and who paid for it (Council or other?) and the cost.

Please find attached our response letter and travel information requested.

My apology for the delay in sending this information to you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Katie

Local Government Official Information at Meetings Act 1987 Request

I refer to you re-mail of 23 July 2019 requesting information on the trips the Mayor has taken to China in the last 5 years including where the Mayor has travelled to during the trip, officials the Mayor met during the trip, how long the trip was, the purpose of the trip, who paid for it, and the cost, if paid for by Council.

Please find attached a spread sheet which provides the information you have requested.

It's important to note the benefits that come from Dunedin's close ties with China. Dunedin's Project China efforts lie in promoting a wide range of what our city has to offer, including tourism, food and beverages, technology and education.

An example of this is that about 1000 Chinese international secondary and tertiary students already study in Dunedin each year, which brings obvious economic and cultural benefits to the city. With a total of about 5000 international students coming to Dunedin each year, this vital sector is already worth around \$180 million to the city's economy.

The Mayor's visits to China are an important part of building and strengthening relationships with different Chinese cities. These benefit all involved.

Shanghai has civic partnerships with about 75 cities and regions from around the world. Not all of them get to meet the Shanghai Mayor in person, so the fact Mayor of Dunedin Dave Cull has on several occasions now demonstrates the very high regard in which our city is held. Fostering close relationships at this level plays a crucial role in 'opening doors' for our local businesses and education providers in Chinese markets.

Yours faithfully



Lauren McDonald
Governance Support Officer

Mayor's travels to China, from 1 Aug 2015 to 31 July 2019								
	Dates for trip	Reason for trip	Where the Mayor travelled	Mayor's role and officials the Mayor met during trip	Who paid?	Flight costs	Accommodation costs	Notes
1	4-20 Sept 2015	1st NZ China Mayoral Forum	Xiamen, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou	Meet NZ Mayors, Chinese Mayors, Chinese Officials	DCC	\$4,754.55	\$2,400.26	
2	4-24 June 2016	Dunedin delegation to China	Beijing, Dalian, Qingdao, Shanghai, Guangzhou	In support of launch of joint engineering prog between Otago Poly and Dalian Ocean Uni and high level meetings with a range of civic, education and business leaders in Qingdao, Beijing, Shanghai and Qingyuan.	Otago Poly/DCC	0	\$970.46	Flights to Dalian paid by Otago Polytechnic - Costs accom in Dalian and Qingdao \$ 970.46
	includes 5-7 June 2016	UNESCO Creative Cities Beijing Summit	Beijing	Meet UNESCO and Creative Cities representatives, academics and experts from all over the world.	Other	0	0	Flights to and from China, and accom in Beijing, paid for by summit organisers
3	19-29 Nov 2016	9th Global Health Forum on Healthy Cities 21-24 Nov and Mayors Forum on Healthy Cities 21 Nov; International Forum on Gastronomy in Macao 23-26 Nov	Shanghai, Macao, Shunde	Meeting with Chinese Government Officials; Be part of the International Mayors Forum on Healthy Cities; Invited to speak in the context of Dunedin's status as a UNESCO Creative City of Literature.	DCC	0	\$316.53	\$ 316.53 for accom in HK on way back to NZ; Flights and all expenses relating to the conferences covered by host cities.
4	2-12 May 2017	Shanghai Art Exhibition and Yu Garden Exhibition; Screening of the documentary of the Journey to Lan Yuan	Shanghai	Sign Friendship City agreement with Qingyuan and help promote Dunedin's creative sector by launching an exhibition at Yu Gallery in Shanghai; Meeting of new Mayor of Shanghai and Government Officials.	DCC	\$4,370.49	\$1,525.96	
5	14-19 Nov 2017	Meet new Qingdao Mayor	Qingdao	Meeting with new Qingdao Mayor and Government Officials.	DCC	\$7,942.70	\$539.74	
6	3-11 Nov 2018	Mayoral Delegation; International Import Expo & NZ Week; Partnership Agreements with Guangming High School, Jiatong University and Shanghai Municipal Education Commission with Enterprise Dunedin; MoU/Friendly Cooperation Dunedin and Wuxi.	Shanghai	Meeting with the Foreign Affairs Office and Government Officials	DCC	\$2,640.80	\$1,199.43	
7	23-29 April 2019	CPAFFC Trip (Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries).	Beijing		LGNZ	0	0	
8	20-24 May 2019	UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting and Yiwu Dialogue on International Economic and Trade Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative.	Yiwu		LGNZ	0	0	
9	12-28 July 2019	Mayoral Delegation for the promotion of economic opportunities for Dunedin around education, primary produce, manufacturing and film.	Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Qingyuan	Meeting with Shanghai Mayor; Meeting with Government staff, Chinese foreign affairs representatives.	DCC	\$4,071.85	\$4,165.16	
TOTAL						\$23,780.39	\$11,117.54	