

From: Official Information
Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2016 2:10 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Official Information
Attachments: Members Attendance Council and Committees 2015.docx

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 10 February. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

"Could you please provide me with the following information? Please consider this a request under the Official Information Act 1982; and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

- 1. A list of all councillors, their salaries, and what committees they're on*
- 2. 2015 attendance records broken down into attendance at general council meetings and committee meetings*
- 3. How many closed-door/ in committee meetings were held in 2015 and what percentage these form of total meetings held?*
- 4. What is the council debt, broken down into external debt and internal loans/debt?*
- 5. What is the interest cost of servicing external debt?*
- 6. What is your council's ratepayer base?*
- 7. How much income does the council have coming in?*
- 8. What is the council's primary source of income?*
- 9. In 2015 were there any rates increases? If so, by what percentage?*
- 10. What are the budgeted rates for the council?"*

Staff Response

1. A list of all councillors, their salaries, and what committees they're on

Some of this information can be found at: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/mayor-and-councillors/>

Under the Local Government Elected Members Determination Act the following information is available:

Christchurch City Council

Office	Annual salary (\$)
Mayor	184,300
Deputy Mayor	114,525
Councillor	99,200

Office**Annual salary (\$)****Mayoral car**

N/A

2. 2015 attendance records broken down into attendance at general council meetings and committee meetings

These are attached to the email.

3. How many closed-door/ in committee meetings were held in 2015 and what percentage these form of total meetings held?

This information is not captured actively by the Council. All the information can be found on the public website but it would take a considerable time to compile. What is required is an evaluation of the open agendas and comparing the number of open items with those listed in the resolution to exclude the public. However, some of the PX items may only be receiving the PX minutes from the previous meeting so this will impact the figures. In this instance the Council has decided to refuse your request, under the following sections of the LGOIMA: 17(d) – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

4. What is the council debt, broken down into external debt and internal loans/debt?

Council debt at 30 June 2015 was \$1247.6m external debt and \$54m of internal borrowing.

5. What is the interest cost of servicing external debt?

External interest budget for 2015/16 is \$76.3m - this includes pro rata interest on new borrowings during 2015/16.

6. What is your council's ratepayer base?

166,693 rating units as at 30 June 2015.

7. How much income does the council have coming in?

2015/16 budget is \$976.2m, this is higher than normal due to continuing earthquake recoveries.

8. What is the council's primary source of income?

Rates.

9. In 2015 were there any rates increases? If so, by what percentage?

Technical year on year increase is 9.25% - this equated to 7.98% increase to existing ratepayers due to growth in the ratepayer base.


10. What are the budgeted rates for the council?

2015/16 budget is \$392.8m including penalties.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

I trust this assists,

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Meeting Attendance - Communities, Housing and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Date	Members' Attendance: Present (1) Absent (0) Absent with Apology (01)									
	Andrew Turner (Chair)	Glenn Livingstone	Jimmy Chen	Jamie Gough	Yani Johanson	Vicki Buck	Ali Jones	Mayor Dalziel	Paul Lonsdale	Tim Scandrett
10/02/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	
5/03/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	
31/03/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	
7/05/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
26/5/2015 Extraordinary	1	1	1	1	01	01	1	-	1	1
4/06/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	01	1
2/07/2015	1	1	1	1	01	0	0	-	1	1
6/08/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
3/09/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
22/09/2015 Extraordinary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
8/10/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	01	-	1	1
5/11/2015	1	1	1	1	1	01	1	-	1	1
3/12/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1

Meeting Attendance - Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee

Meeting Date	Members' Attendance: Present (1) Absent (0) Absent with Apology (0.1)					
	Phil Clearwater	Pauline Cotter	David East	Vicki Buck	Tim Scandrett	
5-Feb-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
5-Mar-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
2-Apr-2015	1	1	1	1	0.1	
7-May-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
4-Jun-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
2-Jul-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
6-Aug-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
3-Sep-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
8-Oct-2015	1	1	1	1	1	
5-Nov-2015	1	1	1	0.1	1	
3-Dec-2015	1	1	1	1	1	

Meeting Attendance - Regulation and Consents Committee

Meeting Date	Members' Attendance: Present (1) Absent (0) Absent with Apology (01)									
	David East	Tim Scandrett	Ali Jones	Glenn Livingstone	Vicki Buck	Paul Lonsdale				
19 February 2015	01	1	1	1	0	01				
19 March 2015	1	1	1	1		1				
22 April 2015	1	01	01	1	1	1				
no May meeting										
18 June 2015	1	1	01	1	1	01				
16 July 2015	1	1	1	1	01	1				
20 August 2015	1	1	1	1	1	1				
17 September 2015	1	1	1	01	1	01				
22 October 2015 - Mtg cancelled as only update reports										
19 November 2015	1	1	1	1	1	1				
17 December 2015	1	1	1	01	1	1				