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From: Official Information  
Sent: Friday, 2 June 2017 11:45 a.m.  
To: [REDACTED]@starmedia.kiwi'  
Subject: LGOIMA 17/192 response - [REDACTED] - library security

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email, received on 11 May 2017. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

*"How long have security guards been stationed at each library?*

*How many hours are they there?*

*Have hours increased or decreased over time?*

*Could you please tell me how much has been spent on library security guards over the last two years, if possible can this be broken down per library?*

*How many times have they been reviewed and what was the outcome each time?*

*Can you please send me a copy of these reports?*

*How many guards do they have at each library?"*

#### Release of information

The requirement and effectiveness of security guards are regularly monitored; to date, however, formal reviews have not been undertaken.

- New Brighton Library: One security guard was used for approximately two months for the opening hours of the library (9 hours on weekdays, 6 hours on weekend days). The hours remained consistent for the period they were engaged. This guard was required on a short-term basis only.
- Aranui Library: One security guard was used for approximately 2 months for the opening hours of the library (9 hours on weekdays, 6 hours on weekend days). Monitoring of the need for the guard indicated after two months that they were no longer needed.
- Central Library, Peterborough St: A security guard has been in use since July 2016. They work 40 hours a week in the library. These hours have remained the same throughout this period.
- Papanui Library: A security guard has been in place since August 2013. They work 38 hours a week at the library. These hours have remained the same throughout this period.
- Shirley Library: A security guard has been in place since February 2016. They work 31 hours a week at the library. These hours have remained the same throughout this period.
- Linwood Library: A security guard has been in place since June 2013. They work 48.5 hours a week at the library. These hours have remained the same throughout this period.

#### Withholding of information

The Council has decided to withhold the total cost of the security guards under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. As we have supplied you with the number of hours worked by the security guards, it would not be difficult to establish the hourly rate if we released the total cost to you, and this is a commercial matter between the Council and the contractor.


In the Council's view, therefore, the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

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

#### Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

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Yours sincerely,

  
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