

## Euan Kyle

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**From:** Bruce Hodgins  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 April 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Euan Kyle  
**Subject:** OIR  
**Attachments:** Response Letter to Official Information Request - [REDACTED].pdf

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Trust you are well and coping with this time of isolation.  
Please find attached a response to your recent OIR.

Nga mihi

Bruce

### **Bruce Hodgins**

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20/04/2020



Dear 

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 12 April 2020 for information regarding E Tu Union campaign donation to Campbell Barry.

We have decided to grant your request in part, namely information which relates to donations received. The date of the relevant donation to mayoral candidate Campbell Barry was 7 June 2019 and this information is already publicly available at <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Your-Council/About-your-Council/local-government-elections/local-government-elections-2019/election-donation-and-expense-returns/>.

However, we are unable to supply the rest of the information requested which relates to meetings that may have occurred between Mr Barry and the E Tu Union because the information you are seeking in this case is not held by Hutt City Council. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA.

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that under the Local Electoral Act 2001 all candidates are required to make a return to the appointed Electoral Officer detailing their campaign donations (over \$1500) and expenses. Other information held by candidates in relation to their campaigns is information held by an individual and is not subject to the LGOIMA.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Euan Kyle at [euan.kyle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:euan.kyle@huttcity.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Hodgins'.

Bruce Hodgins

Electoral Officer

Hutt City Council

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**From:** Bradley Cato  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 April 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** Euan Kyle  
**Cc:** Jarred Griffiths; Campbell Barry; Jo Miller  
**Subject:** FW: Grammatical corrections  
**Attachments:** Mr Cato 2.docx

Hi Euan

Official information request from [REDACTED]

Regards  
Brad

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**From:** Bradley Cato  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 April 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Grammatical corrections

Hi [REDACTED]

I'll put that through to the Records Team who deal with these requests. The timeframe under the Act is as soon as reasonably practicable. You can ask for it to be treated urgency but there needs to be reasons for this. I will send this through to be treated normally but, if you think it is urgent, please set out your reasons and I'm happy to also forward them through for consideration.

Regards  
Brad

**Bradley Cato**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 April 2020 7:50 PM  
**To:** Bradley Cato  
**Subject:** Grammatical corrections

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My apologies Brad. Upon reading I noticed a couple of minor grammatical errors that i have corrected.



12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Mr Cato

Further to my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> April. In the interests of moving forward and under the Official Information Act I respectfully request an answer to the questions posed to you and in particular those under para 2 of the revised edition that pertain to the actual date of the \$5000 donation to Mr Barrys campaign fund and to what if any meetings occurred and when they occurred from the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 between Mr Barry and the E Tu Union Trust including meetings with Mr John Ryall.

In respect of this being the Easter break for us all I do not expect this information before Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April but in a timely manner shortly after please.

Yours faithfully

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