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Tēnā koe Karl

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

1. We refer to your official information request dated 22 April 2022 for the following:
2. How many bookings has the Event Centre had in the last financial year ending 31 March 2022?
3. What is the revenue for the Event Centre during this period?
4. Can users of the Event Centre provide their own catering?
5. Who manages the Event Centre ?
6. How much money did the Council spend on the building of the Sebel Hotel?
7. Is the Council still financing the Sebel Hotel?

Hutt City Council (the Council) is unable to respond to your questions 1 and 2 above, as this information is not held by the Council. Accordingly, your request for this information is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA on the grounds that the information requested is not held by us and we have no reason to believe it is held by another local authority or government organisation.

With reference to question 3 above, the Council's arrangements with the operator of the Events Centre do not include reference to self-catering, therefore this decision rests with the operator of the facility. Accordingly, your request for this information is also refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA.

In response to question 4, the operator of the Events Centre is USAR Commercial Assets limited.

In question 5 you have asked how much money the Council spend on the building of the Sebel Hotel. The report *Review of Events Centre and Hotel Development Contracts for Hutt City Council*, prepared by Thomas Dewar Sziranyi Letts, was publicly reported to the Council's Audit & Risk Committee on 16 June 2020. It outlines the original arrangements relating to the Sebel Hotel and is available on the following link:

http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2020/06/ARSC_16062020_AGN_2791_AT_WEB.htm

In respect to question 6 above, the current arrangements between the Sebel Hotel and the Council are covered in the documents at this attachment:

<http://iportal.huttcity.govt.nz/Record/ReadOnly?Query=container:%5buri:%205848591%5d&Tab=31&Uri=5982321&Page=1>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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