

Nicholas Boyack
Stuff NZ

28 September 2022

By email: [REDACTED] s7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Nicholas,

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

I refer to your request dated 30 August 2022, where you asked:

I am requesting a breakdown of spending by the mayor for the past 12 months.

Please provide in a table a breakdown of these expenses line-by-line, including the item type, cost, reason for the purchase and the date the purchase was made.

Your response should also include any entertainment costs, office equipment, accommodation, gifts, travel, parking etc made by the mayor using council funds.

For any purchase of \$300 or more, please release a physical copy of the itemised receipt with your response.

Separately, can you please provide the cost of the mayoral car, any lease costs (if applicable), as well as petrol costs/reimbursements/fuel card expenses associated with the mayor's car.

If a fuel card is used, please release an official physical copy of these receipts with your response.

If you believe another agency holds information relevant to this request, I ask that you forward this request to it and notify me immediately that this action has been taken.

If there is anything in the spirit of this request that hasn't been specifically asked for, but could be relevant to it, I ask that you include this detail in your response.

Cam, please acknowledge receipt of my email. I look forward to getting a reply prior to September.

Mayor's spending

The Mayor has been reimbursed for the following expenses in the last 12 months.

18/11/2022	\$8.00	Parking at Te Papa for Wellington Export Awards
24/04/2022	\$17.39	Parking in Clifton Car Park for NZSO Concert Fundraiser for Ukraine
25/05/2022	\$71.60	Water NZ Conference: Taxi from Hamilton Airport to accommodation
25/05/2022	\$26.50	Water NZ Conference: Taxi from conference to accommodation

26/05/2022	\$42.17	Water NZ Conference: Uber from Victoria St to Hamilton Airport
30/05/2022	\$198.96	iPhone 13 case and wireless charger
01/06/2022	\$7.50	Parking in Wellington for meeting with Japanese Ambassador
03/06/2022	\$8.50	Parking for NewstalkZB interview Lambton Quay
05/07/2022	\$69.70	Taxi from Dominion Post Sport and Recreation Awards to Hutt City Council
10/07/2022	\$25	Car wash at BP Connect Waiwhetu

In the spirit of this request, for your information all sensitive expenditure, including in the Mayoral Office, is published in the Audit and Risk Subcommittee agenda papers which are publicly available here: <http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/> Note very few of these purchases are made by the Mayor (such as accommodation bookings), and the dates correspond to when expenses were claimed not incurred.

Mayoral car

The rules around motor vehicles for Mayors are prescribed by the Remuneration Authority.

The previous Mayoral car was due to be retired immediately following the 2019 election, and following the transition, the current Mayoral car, which is an electric vehicle, was purchased on 22 November 2019 for \$55,406.30 incl. GST. The maximum purchase price of an electric vehicle for Mayors is \$65,000, as determined by the Remuneration Authority.

Mayors who receive a council-provided vehicle have the cost of its private use deducted from their annual remuneration. Remuneration deductions are determined by how the vehicle is classified for use:

- 1) Full private use
- 2) Partial private use
- 3) Restricted use.

Mayor Campbell Barry has full private use of his vehicle. The remuneration deduction prescribed by the Remuneration Authority for full private use is:

- The actual purchase price (v) x 41% x 20%

This means Mayor Campbell Barry's remuneration is deducted by \$4,586 per year.

The vehicle maintenance costs for the Mayoral car in the last 12 months is in the table below.

Date	Amount	Description
12/01/2022 12:00 AM	538.26	2 X tyres + W/A for MPG531 BEAU IDEAL LTD
18/02/2022 12:00 AM	334.00	Service for MPG531 ARMSTRONG MOTOR
02/06/2022 12:00 AM	210.22	Tyre replacement - MPG531 BEAU IDEAL LTD
	1,082.48	

For more information on council-provided vehicles visit the [Remuneration Authority website](#).

Gifts received

On 1 August 2022 the Mayor was gifted access to the Wellington Rugby VIP Lounge for Wellington Lions' home games for the 2022 season – this was declared on the gift register. He's attended one game.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. 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.

Ngā mihi nui,



Cam Meads
Head of Mayor's Office