



10 February 2025

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Dear A Parkins

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

We refer to your official information request dated 10 February 2025 for:

I am aware from Mayor Barry's social media posts that he has travelled to Waitangi Treaty grounds, over Waitangi 2025. I have also been made aware of his travel to the same location in 2024.

I would like to know what, if any, council funding was used for flights, travel, meal allowances, accommodation and sundries, for the Mayor, any councilors, staff, partners or other accompanying people. If these costs were met by another public organization, I would like to know this.

Response:

The Mayor visited Waitangi in his role as Vice President of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). All costs were covered by LGNZ.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link:
www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

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