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Dear Alan Waller

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

We refer to your email dated 25 July 2024 for Information. We will answer each of your questions in turn.

1. How much is it going to cost ratepayers in total to send Jo Miller to New York for air fares and accommodation.

Airfares and accommodation costs were met by the Bloomberg Harvard Leadership Initiative.

2. How many staff members from Hutt City Council are accompanying Jo Miller on this trip to New York.

One other senior staff member was selected for this executive leadership programme.

3. What is the purpose of this trip to New York.

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a programme of the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University. It is a collaboration between Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies to equip Mayors and senior city officials to tackle complex challenges in their cities and improve the quality of life of their residents. More information can be found at: [Home – Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative](#).

As part of Mayor Barry's selection for inclusion in the year-long Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, all Mayors were asked to nominate two senior executives for inclusion in the city leadership programme. The Chief



Executive and another colleague were so nominated, and this was the reason for the visit.

4. What is the Total cost of airfares and accommodation.

See response to 1 above.

5. How long will Jo Miller be in New York accompanied by other staff of Hutt city council.

The Bloomberg Harvard Leadership initiative was a six-day programme. Jo Miller was in New York for eight days.

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Yours sincerely

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