

30 January 2023

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s7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Nicholas

Request for Information pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 December 2022, in which you have requested the following official information:

1. *How many emails to the Hutt City Council have originated from the email account max.shierlaw s7(2)(a) for each of the last five years.*
2. *Also in total, how many emails to council have originated from the various email accounts operated by Max Shierlaw for each of the last five years.*
3. *How many OIA requests have originated from the email max.shierlaw s7(2)(a) over each of the last five years.*

We have interpreted your request as applying to calendar years, 1 January to 31 December.

The information you have requested has been tabulated below.

Question	Subject	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Emails from <u>max.shierlaw</u> s7(2)(a)	6	42	47	45	45
2	Total emails from Max Shierlaw	24	69	108	76	61
3	LGOIMA requests from <u>max.shierlaw@</u> s7(2)(a)	0	2	2	7	3

For questions 1 and 2, our answers:

- Have not included routine emails associated with LGOIMA requests, as these are answered under question 3.
- Include emails associated with a LGOIMA, where the email does not directly relate to its processing, such as an email sent about Hutt City Council's response to the LGOIMA.
- Include emails to Hutt City Council staff, councillors and mayors at Hutt City Council email accounts. In addition to the reported numbers, one councillor has received two emails from Max Shierlaw on a non-Hutt City Council email address in the past five years.

For question 3, our answers include emails that would fall within the definition of an information request under the LGOIMA. Hutt City Council's responses to LGOIMAs are published on its website, on www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contact-us/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases. Any LGOIMA requests lodged by Max Shierlaw through the FYI website are also publicly available, using the following link: https://fyi.org.nz/body/hutt_city_council.

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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