



21 March 2025

Alan Waller

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Dear Alan,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 25 February 2025 for:

1. *How many cultural advisers are employed by Hutt city council.*
2. *What is the salary that is paid to each cultural adviser employed by council.*
3. *How many press secretaries are employed at Hutt city council.*
4. *What is the salary paid to each press secretary employed by council.*
5. *What is the total salaries pool paid to cultural advisers.*
6. *What is the total salaries pool paid to press secretaries.*

Answer:

1. We don't employ anyone with the job title 'Cultural Advisor'. We have one Māori Cultural Advisor.
2. We are withholding this information under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA for privacy purposes.
3. We don't employ anyone with the job title 'Press Secretary'. We have one Media Advisor and media engagement forms part of their role.
4. We are withholding this information under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA for privacy purposes.

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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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