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Alan Waller



Dear Alan Waller

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

We refer to your email dated 8 August 2024 for Information regarding two overseas trips taken by Mayor Barry.

Response:

A recent overseas trip to the UK by the Mayor.

- 1. What was the purpose of this trip.*
- 2. How much in total did this cost hutt ratepayers including air fares and accomodation including travel to the different cities in the UK.*
- 3. What was the end benefit for ratepayers for the Mayor to take this trip.*

This Information is publicly available at:

https://huttcity.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/03/HCC_06032024_AGN_3231_AT.PDF

We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the Act, that the Information requested is publicly available.

In total, including airfares and accommodation including travel to different cities in the UK, the cost to Hutt City Council was \$14,114.

I also would like these questions answered about a recent trip by the Mayor to New York.

- 1. What was the total costs to Hutt ratepayers for the Mayors trip.*



2. If ratepayers had to pay for some of this trip the total cost to ratepayers please.

3. The end benefit for ratepayers if any costs were incurred.

4. Did any HCC staff members accompany staff and if so how many and what was the total cost.

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The total cost to Hutt City Council for this trip was \$562.88. This covered transport to and from the airport, travel insurance and visa costs. All other costs were covered by Bloomberg Harvard. No Hutt City Council staff attended this trip with the Mayor.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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