



14 January 2025

Chris Milne

fyi-request-29332-766759e6@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Chris Milne

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

We refer to your request dated 26 November 2024 for:

- 1) any letters, emails, texts or any other correspondence between Waste Management and Hutt City Council relating to the Living Wage and the remuneration of WM staff.*
- 2) any internal emails, memos, meeting minutes, council minutes or meeting agendas relating to the Living Wage and Waste Management.*
- 3) any internal information held relating to the payment of the Living Wage to HCC staff or to the staff of contractors to HCC.*

Please find attached documents within the scope of your request. Some Information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the Privacy of natural persons.

Hutt City Council became a living wage accredited employer in 2021.

As a living wage accredited employer all directly employed staff receive the living wage. This is adjusted in line with the annual increases advised by Living Wage Aotearoa New Zealand. The current Living Wage rate is \$27.80.

Part of the Living Wage Aotearoa New Zealand criteria for being an accredited employer is that all indirectly paid workers employed by contractors, delivering a service to the business/organisation (HCC) on a regular basis need to be on the current Living Wage or “on milestones agreed as part of the license.”

As part of our procurement process, we ask those organisations tendering for business to indicate that they are committed to providing the Living Wage as a minimum for staff. Waste Management committed to this as part of the RFP for

kerbside rubbish and recycling in 2020 (ahead of Hutt City Council's living wage accreditation approval) and this was accepted as part of the tender process. This requirement forms part of our contract with Waste Management.

Waste Management, a large national employer, has several Council collection contracts with different contract commencement dates. Waste Management confirms that as per the commitment provided in their RFP, that they started the new contract with HCC as at 1 July 2021, with remuneration for all staff involved in servicing the HCC contract at or above the Living Wage.

In addition they have an annual wage and salary review process that is in place and is run March/April each year. They have steps in place as part of this process to ensure that remuneration rates for staff servicing the HCC contract are adjusted each year to reflect any change/increase in the Living Wage.

If you are unhappy with this response, or with the way Council has arrived at the fees it charges, you can seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. 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

Philip Rossiter

Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

Philip Rossiter

From: Geoffrey Roberts
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 4:57 pm
To: Samjhana Khatri
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

I would specifically mention the living wage and whether this is being paid to WMNZ employees working on the HCC contract.

From: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Am I allowed to say this? "I am reaching out regarding a concern that has come to my attention regarding the wages being paid to your employees." ?

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Thanks

Geoff

Geoffrey Roberts
Waste and Resource Recovery Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010
P: M: [REDACTED] W: www.huttcity.govt.nz



From: Waste <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz>
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To: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>
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This is quite unexpected. In our contract meeting on December 14, 2023, they confirmed that all employees involved in the HCC service delivery are paid living wages.

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Thanks.

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To: Waste <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz>; Payroll <payroll@huttcity.govt.nz>
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Good afternoon all,

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Kind wishes,
Billie

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Kindest regards.

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Philip Rossiter

From: Geoffrey Roberts
Sent: Wednesday, 2 October 2024 3:22 pm
To: Samjhana Khatri
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Good – OK to ask, we're obliged to follow up on this and request they demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:10 AM
To: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
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I've requested supporting documentation, but [REDACTED] might question why it's necessary, as she often mentions trust issue.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Yes, we can say that we have had an email from someone claiming to work for WMNZ on residential collections in Lower Hutt and not being paid the current Living Wage.

I'm happy to call [REDACTED] about this though if you want me to?

From: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Can we tell them that we have had concern raised from their employee now? I'm unsure of the best way to request the documents otherwise.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]; Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi Samjhana,

Jorn and Sarah have discussed this.
WM pays living wage in line with our own annual review process.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 8:00:59 am

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

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From: Human Resources
Sent: Wednesday, 2 October 2024 3:18 pm
To: Geoffrey Roberts
Cc: Jörn Scherzer
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024
Attachments: Screenshot_20241001-115514_Chrome.jpg

Good afternoon Geoff,

I am forwarding the below email to you in Jörn's absence.

Please see below an email from a Waste Management employee not currently receiving living wage. Living wage is currently \$27.80 and was to be applied to all those on living wage by 1 September. I understand we potentially have a clause in our contract with waste management that their employees are to be on at least the living wage also?

I will leave this in yours, and Jörn's capable hands.

Many thanks,
Danielle

From: Payroll <payroll@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:38 PM
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From: Jörn Scherzer
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 8:58 am
To: Samjhana Khatri
Cc: Geoffrey Roberts
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Living wage 2024

Hi Samjhana

Based on this, I suggest you could have a chat with HR and make them aware that WMNZ is working through this, they could update that employee?

We could say that if they still have concerns by say early November, they could get back in touch with us with their concerns.

Jörn Scherzer

(pronounce as "Yearn Shar-tza")
Head of Climate, Waste and Resource Recovery

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040, New Zealand
M [REDACTED] W www.huttcity.govt.nz

From: Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:45 AM
To: Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Living wage 2024

Morning Jörn,

Hope you had a good break.

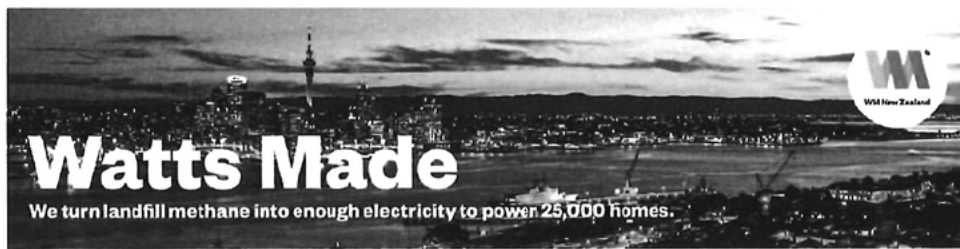
As per our previous discussions WM run their own annual salary review process. We have traditionally been ahead of this process which is maybe why you have had the enquiry.

Happy to discuss or provide any further information as required.

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards,

Sarah Whiteman

Regional Manager – Wellington
WM New Zealand
97-99 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010
[REDACTED] E: swhiteman@wm.nz
www.wm.nz



From: Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 7 October 2024 7:33 AM

To: Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>

Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Living wage 2024

Thanks Sarah

I recall there was a time lag last year, so I suggest we could check in again later this month?

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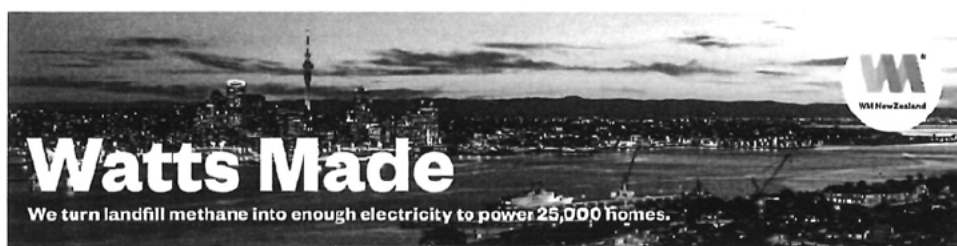
From: Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>; Paul Elliott <PElliott@wm.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi Samjhana,

I will discuss this with Jörn when he returns, we have had this previously in 2023.
Please direct the employee back to WMNZ.

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From: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 3 October 2024 10:25 AM
To: Tracy Reuben <treuben@wm.nz>
Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
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Subject: Living Wage

Kia ora [REDACTED]

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Thanks

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Philip Rossiter

From: Geoffrey Roberts
Sent: Friday, 8 November 2024 8:26 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living Wage

Thank [REDACTED] – sorry, you don't need to be accredited. We just need to ask this question of all our contractors every year as per HCC policy.

Cheers

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Hi Geoff,

I think Jörn may have also been seeking this info from Sarah.

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From: Jörn Scherzer
Sent: Friday, 22 November 2024 10:54 am
To: Sarah Whiteman
Cc: Fortune Tlapi; Samjhana Khatri; Geoffrey Roberts
Subject: Re: Living wage 2024

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Sarah (cc Fortune)

Just checking in on the below, as a quick follow up to the email in early October

Jörn Scherzer
Head of Climate and Waste
[REDACTED]

On 7 Oct 2024, at 07:32, "Jörn Scherzer" wrote:

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Philip Rossiter

From: Jörn Scherzer
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 11:32 am
To: Geoffrey Roberts; Samjhana Khatri
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

I have emailed here, and copied you in

Jörn Scherzer

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Head of Climate, Waste and Resource Recovery

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From: Waste <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>; Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Hi Jörn,

This is very sad to hear that the living wage issue with [REDACTED] still hasn't been resolved. [REDACTED] has reached us, letting us know that he still hasn't received the living wage payment.

Could you please reach out to Sarah or Tracy about this, as they prefer not to communicate directly with me about this issue?

Thank you.
Samjhana Khatri

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Hi,

Hope you are well, not long to go till the festive season, yay.

In regards to my situation, sadly no changes or updates. I had hope come mid November that I (and others in my predicament) would at least hear something from the WM management. Now we are heading towards December.....

Sorry for venting out my frustration on you and your team, I just like to thank you guys for your help in the matter, you have this amongst numerous other problems Hutt City faces, keep up the good work.

Thank you

Warm regards
[REDACTED]

On Wed, 9 Oct 2024, 15:19 [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

That's awesome. Thank you for your time and help in this matter really appreciate it.

All the best
[REDACTED]

On Wed, 9 Oct 2024, 14:05 Waste, <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are doing well.

We've reached out to WMNZ, and they are currently addressing the issue. Please let us know if you still have any concerns by mid- November.

Regards

Kerbside Contract Lead

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Waste <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Noted with thanks, and appreciate your prompt response.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

On Wed, 2 Oct 2024, 08:32 Waste, <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning, [REDACTED]

Hope you are doing well.

Thank you for bringing the wage concerns within our contractor's workforce to our attention. I can confirm that every employee of WMNZ involved in the HCC service delivery contract must be paid the living wage.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Best regards,

Kerbside Contract Lead

From: ContactHCC <contact@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:10 PM

To: Waste <Waste@huttcity.govt.nz>; Payroll <payroll@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Good afternoon all,

Would either of your teams please be able to help answer this enquiry?

Kind wishes,

Billie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 12:08 PM
To: ContactHCC <contact@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waste Management - Living wage 2024

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well, sorry I would like to remain anonymous. But I am currently employed by Waste Management, and have been for the past 3 years collecting residential waste in Lower Hutt. The purpose of this email is to enquire about the living wage and whether I am entitled to this as stated in your website. I am currently being paid \$26.00 (which was a mission obtaining this last year) and would like to be paid the new rate of \$27.80. Please find attached a screenshot of the above mentioned statement.

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Kindest regards.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, 26 November 2024 4:35 pm
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Hi,

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I am including Brad to provide the legal position and any other relevant information.

Fortune Tlapi
Procurement Manager

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Fortune – we'll leave with you to advise on this please.

Thanks
Kelly

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Hi Sarah (cc Fortune)

Just checking in on the below, as a quick follow up to the email in early October

Jörn Scherzer
Head of Climate and Waste
[REDACTED]

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Cc: Samjhana Khatri; Geoffrey Roberts
Subject: Re: Living wage 2024 in WMNZ contracts

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Hi Fortune, Kelly

Is the below response from WMNZ on the living wage ok from your perspective (vis a vis our living wage employer certification)? It kind of seems reasonable, but I don't know how this is handled at HCC.

If no, then it would probably need something a bit more formal from your end. If it is ok, then all good.

The background is that a staff member at WMNZ raised the issue of the latest living wage increase not being passed on to them, but it seems the living wage increases/reviews are misaligned with WMNZ's REM review timing.

Cheers

Jörn Scherzer
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From: Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Living wage 2024

Hi Jörn,

WM NZ operates an annual wage and salary review process that is run March-April each year. At the start of the contract when we agreed to use the assessed living wage rate as a base for staff employed within this contract, we articulated clearly the timing of our annual review and the fact that any adjustments to address base rates and have them reflect the assessed living wage would happen at this time.

As you know WM NZ operates a number of Council collection contracts throughout NZ that all have different contract commencement dates, all of these contracts that use living wage as the base are adjusted annually as part of our annual wage and salary review process. A process to stagger these throughout the year would create significant disparity across our various teams and is therefore not seen as an appropriate approach to dealing with this matter.

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards,

Sarah Whiteman

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From: Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Living wage 2024

Hi Sarah (cc Fortune)

Just checking in on the below, as a quick follow up to the email in early October

Jörn Scherzer
Head of Climate and Waste
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On 7 Oct 2024, at 07:32, "Jörn Scherzer" wrote:

Thanks Sarah

I recall there was a time lag last year, so I suggest we could check in again later this month?

To comply with our living wage employer certification, we may only need some more information/certainty around the process that WMNZ has in place, and then I can provide this to our HR and procurement team.

I assume that, like HCC, it takes a while to get through the rem review each year, so any changes to minimum wages/living wages may not be reflected straight away but are then backdated? Let me know.

Cheers

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From: Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:29 AM

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Cc: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jörn Scherzer <Joern.Scherzer@huttcity.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi Samjhana,

I will discuss this with Jörn when he returns, we have had this previously in 2023.
Please direct the employee back to WMNZ.

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards,

Sarah Whiteman

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From: Samjhana Khatri <Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz<mailto:Samjhana.Khatri@huttcity.govt.nz>>

Sent: Thursday, 3 October 2024 10:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz<mailto:swhiteman@wm.nz>>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for confirming. However, we have had an email from someone claiming to work for WMNZ on residential collections in Lower Hutt and not being paid the current Living Wage. As we are required to follow up on this, we kindly request that you provide documentation demonstrating compliance with this requirement.

Regards

Samjhana

Samjhana Khatri

Kerbside Contract Lead

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[REDACTED] Sarah Whiteman <swhiteman@wm.nz<mailto:swhiteman@wm.nz>>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi Samjhana,

Jorn and Sarah have discussed this.
WM pays living wage in line with our own annual review process.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Living wage 2024

Hi [REDACTED]

Could you please confirm that all employees involved in the HCC service delivery are being paid the new living wage of \$27.80, effective from September 1, 2024, as discussed in our contract meeting on December 14, 2023? I would also appreciate any supporting documentation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Regards
Samjhana

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