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23 May 2024

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

Thank you for your email of **8 May 2024** requesting the following information:

- 1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long term plan?***

There is no specific budget for catering for the Long-term Plan public Hearings. Catering was provided for elected members for the Hearings that continued well into the evening. The cost of dinner for the evening hearing was \$347.50 (GST inclusive) for 27 people in total.

- 2. If your council also feeds staff members meals during this time, how many staff members approximately?***

The catering also included meals for six staff members who supported the evening Hearings.

- 3. A copy of the menu/list of what food will be/has been provided, and on which day.***

The catering for the Hearings, which ran into the evening, contained an assortment of pizzas, garlic bread and salads ordered from the Hells Pizza set menu. The regular lunch caterer used for meetings and hearings was unavailable due to the Hearings being scheduled to run later than their normal operating hours.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

4. ***An explanation of how kai choices were made (e.g. if health was taken into consideration and if councillors had a say in what made it onto the menu) and if the company preparing the food is owned by people who live in your district or city.***

We have a list of elected members who have special dietary requirements and this was taken into consideration when ordering from the locally owned Hells Pizza Franchise menu.

Ngā mihi,



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