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Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 13:48
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RESPONSE - LGOIMA 21189 - [REDACTED] / Taxpayers Union - Number of Public Excluded / Closed Council Meetings

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

All of the information that you have requested is publicly available on Council's website (section 17(d) LGOIMA), if you have any questions or difficulty using the search functions please advise, we are happy to talk through use of them on our website with you.

Please provide the total number of full council meetings for the last 12 months

This information is publicly available on our website on the agenda and minutes page [here](#) by using the search options. Below is an example of the search options:

From 1/01/2020 To 31/12/2020

Document type Agenda

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council

Please provide the total number of 'closed' full council meetings (ones from which journalists or the public were excluded)

This information is publicly available as part of each of open agendas and minutes on our website on the agenda and minutes page [here](#). You can find the list of public excluded items and the reasons why they were discussed in a public excluded session, in the minutes of the meeting and as the last item in the open agendas.

Please provide the total number of full council committee meetings for the last 12 months

This information is publicly available on our website on the agenda and minutes page [here](#) by using the search options. Below is an example of the search options:

From 1/01/2020 To 31/12/2020

Document type Agenda

Meeting Type: Strategic Growth Committee

Please provide the total number of 'closed' full council committee meetings (ones from which journalists or the public were excluded)

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The number of alternative meetings i.e. 'council workshops' that were closed to the public over the last 12 months

For the purposes of this response, Hamilton City Council understands your reference to 'workshops' above as being equivalent to what HCC would refer to as 'briefings' i.e. open and closed information sharing forums. This information is publicly available via our website. Notes from Council briefings are reported via the next available Council meeting to be confirmed as a true and correct record. You can find the notes for each of the open briefings in the Open Council agendas and reference to the closed briefings in the 'Resolution to exclude the Public' item of the open agendas on our website on the agenda and minutes page [here](#).

A copy of HCC's current governance structure which outlines active committees and other decision making bodies can be found [here](#)

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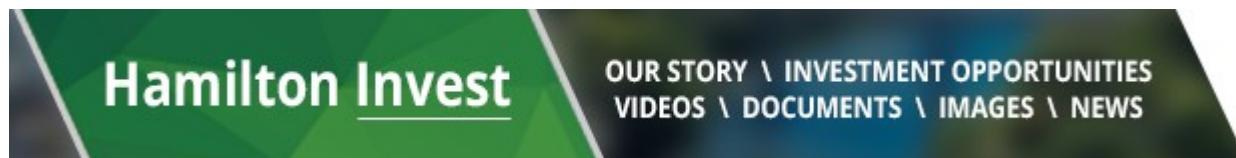
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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Closed Council Meetings

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This is a request for Official Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act of 1987 going to all councils in New Zealand in relation to closed council meetings.

We request the following information be broken down by month:

- Please provide the total number of full council meetings for the last 12 months
 - Please provide the total number of 'closed' full council meetings (ones from which journalists or the public were excluded)
- Please provide the total number of full council committee meetings for the last 12 months
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- The number of alternative meetings i.e. 'council workshops' that were closed to the public over the last 12 months

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.

In any place where possible, data that can be presented in an excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation e.g. PDF.

To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this email address. Please refer to "Closed Council Meetings" in the subject line.

Best,

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