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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

*Can you please advise if councillors record the number of hours they work per week.  
If they do, what is the best way to access this information?*

**Our response:**

We do not record the number of hours our Elected Members works each week. We do however record the attendance (present or absent) of Elected and Externally Appointed Members at Council/Committee meetings [available here](#). The attendance records do not reflect Members' other Council related commitments such as appointments to external/joint groups or other council related responsibilities, meetings, and civic events which have a significant workload and time commitment attached. For example, by nature of the role as Mayor, Mayor is Ex Officio on all committees – and has a number of additional external appointments to local government meetings nationally.

It is important to note that attendance at meetings may be affected by personal circumstances, such as bereavement or ill health. Members may also be absent from a meeting due to needing to attend other Council related commitments/ business.

The attendance tables below do not include detailed information on reasons for absence or partial attendance. This information is recorded as part of the minutes of meetings which you can find [here](#).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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*I support flexibility at work. While it suits me to send this email now, I don't expect a response outside of your own working hours.*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** **s7(2)(a)**

**Sent:** Thursday, 14 December 2023 11:05:23 pm

**To:** [info@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hcc.govt.nz)

**Subject:** Hours worked by councillors

Hi HCC,

Can you please advise if councillors record the number of hours they work per week.

If they do, what is the best way to access this information?

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