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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 375534 - [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#) - costs towards Christmas party  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 January 2024 10:32:04 am  
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Kia ora,

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

**Your request:**

*I am requesting information about how much rate payers money was spent on Christmas parties. How do you justify using rate payers money on personal parties and gifts. Please dont ignore this email. I expect a reply soon.*

**Our response:**

The external cost to host the end of year staff Christmas party was \$25,516. Hamilton City Council holds one official end-of-year function to recognise the hard mahi throughout the year of the 1400+ dedicated Council staff. The modest function is held at a Council venue after hours so there is no cost in staff time.

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

**From:** [noreply@hamilton.govt.nz](mailto:noreply@hamilton.govt.nz)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 December 2023 6:49:31 pm

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

**Subject:** General website enquiry - HCC-GEN-231220-AYYD9



## We've received an enquiry for you.

This request was received on 20 December 2023 @ 6:49PM.

Here's your reference number and the details:

### UUID

HCC-GEN-231220-AYYD9

### Name

s7(2)(a)

### Email

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### Phone number

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### How can we help?

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If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to call us on [\(07\) 838 6699](tel:(07)8386699) or [email our customer service team](mailto:email our customer service team).

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