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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA request - **s7(2)(b)** - Information about Zone 2 meetings  
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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 answers to the following questions:*

1. *How much is spent on sending Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary and others to the annual conference of the Local Government NZ?*
2. *As Chairperson LGNZ Zone Two*  
*- RMA Commissioner does she report back to the councillors and if so, where can we find a copy of her report?*
3. *How many others go on the conference each year?*

**Our response:**

1. *How much is spent on sending Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary and others to the annual conference of the Local Government NZ?*

This financial year nine HCC Elected members attended the conference at a total cost of \$24,218.43 and covered Flights, accommodation, registration of conference, food, taxis, and administration fees. Funding comes from Elected Member Development budgets and a copy of the Elected Member Support policy which includes this funding can be found [here](#).

2. *As Chairperson LGNZ Zone Two*  
*- RMA Commissioner does she report back to the councillors and if so, where can we find a copy of her report?*

Hamilton City Council's contribution to the cost of running LGNZ Zone 2 for this financial year is \$3,250. Other councils with Zone Two also contribute fees. Hamilton City Council does not fund Deputy Mayor's attendance at Zone 2 events as the Chair, her costs are funded collectively by Zone 2 members from the fees paid by the participating Councils.

LGNZ is not an RMA based organisation, and the Deputy Mayor does not perform any RMA Commissioner functions for LGNZ. More information regarding Zone 2 and LGNZ can be found [here](#).

3. How many others go on the conference each year?

LGNZ hosts a national conference annually for all its members. This financial year 9 HCC Elected members attended the conference. We do not hold information on how many Elected members across New Zealand attended the national LGNZ conference.

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.

**Ngaa mihi**

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 November 2023 1:42 pm

**To:** Official Information <[officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Attn: Keeley Faulkner

Kia ora, Keeley

I am requesting answers to the following questions:

How much is spent on sending Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary and others to the annual conference of the Local Government NZ?

1. As Chairperson LGNZ Zone Two

- RMA Commissioner does she report back to the councillors and if so, where can we find a copy of her report?

2. How many others go on the conference each year?

Kind regards

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