4 October 2023

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Thank you for your email of 25 August 2023 to Renee Regal, Manager – Community Engagement and Partnerships, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

> *…could you please provide me details of how much money you are spending on your BBQ PR event (including staff time and travel)*

We wrote to you on 22 September 2023 advising that a decision had been made on your request, and that we were declining to provide a breakdown of staff time and travel related to the two community BBQ under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held.

Ruapehu District Council, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, and Ngāti Rangi hosted two Community BBQs to enable us to share information about the proposed new homes, and connect with the community and listen to feedback.

The costs incurred by Kāinga Ora for the community BBQs which took place on 30 and 31 August 2023 included $912.87 for advertising in the Ruapehu Bulletin, $555 for design costs for the ad and BBQ flyer, and $180.24 for poster printing.
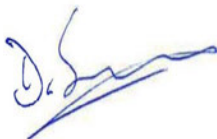
Kāinga Ora also incurred costs relating to Corporate Care services. We engage these services to support our people during the course of their day-to-day work in certain circumstances where safety risks need to be managed, including during public events. The cost for these services during the two BBQs were $2,031.08.

Council was responsible for the food served at the BBQ and Kāinga Ora did not occur any costs related to this.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/ with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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