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Subject: LGOIMA response - Carterton Mayor reporting on South Wairarapa Fire
Date: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 2:29:33 pm
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Kia ora [REDACTED]

LGOIMA Request: 2022-62

Thank you for your email request of 12 October 2022 for the following:

"As a Carterton Rate Payer, I would ask.. are Carterton Rate payers footing the bill for our new Mayor's expenses visiting and reporting on the at Wards Line, Greytown on 11 October 2022 as reported by several news agencies, including RNZ, and Stuff NZ.

Surely this duty would have been more appropriately covered by the new Mayor of the South Wairarapa District.. Martin Connelly???????

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Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

In response to your request, there are no costs to Carterton District Council in relation to the Mayor's visiting and reporting on the fires at Wards Line, Greytown on 11 October 2022.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

Kelly



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From: LGOIMA Requests

Sent: Friday, 14 October 2022 1:50 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: LGOIMA request: 2022-62 Carterton Mayor reporting on South Wairarapa Fire

Kia ora [REDACTED],

LGOIMA Request: 2022-62

Thank you for your email request of 12 October 2022 below.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Local Government Official

Information and Meeting Act (1987). You can expect a reply no later than 10 November 2022, which is 20 working days from the date we received your request. The response date shown takes into account Labour Day (24 October 2022).

Ngā mihi,



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:42 PM

To: Council Info Mailbox <info@cdc.govt.nz>

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Interested Rate Payer