

15 May 2024

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2024-26**

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2024 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

- 1. "How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long term plan?"*
- 2. If your council also feeds staff members meals during this time, how many staff members approximately?*
- 3. A copy of the menu/list of what food will be/has been provided, and on which day.*
- 4. An explanation of how kai choices were made (e.g. if health was taken into consideration and if councillors had a say in what made it onto the menu) and if the company preparing the food is owned by people who live in your district or city."*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). The answer to your questions is in the number order below.

**1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long term plan?**

The council budgeted for \$203.50 for the hearing held on Wednesday on 15 May 2024.

**2. If your council also feeds staff members meals during this time, how many staff members approximately?**

Six staff members.

**3. A copy of the menu/list of what food will be/has been provided, and on which day.**

Food provided were sandwiches, mini sausage rolls, mini savouries, and one sweet slice

**4. An explanation of how kai choices were made (e.g. if health was taken into consideration and if councillors had a say in what made it onto the menu) and if the company preparing the food is owned by people who live in your district or city.**

Yes, the company is locally owned.

Please note, the Council proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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