

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 8 May 2024 requesting the following:

“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”.

Release of information

The information you have requested is as 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?

Kaikōura District Council has budgeted \$200 plus GST for refreshments/food.

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

Kaikōura District Council does not feed staff members.

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

Kaikōura District Council is providing scones, ham & cheese bagels, chicken wraps and a sweet slice on Wednesday. This is the planned day of our public hearings.

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.

Kaikōura District Council uses a local business to provide the food. The business is given a budget and they cater the food accordingly.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Kaikōura District Council website a month after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on officialinformation@kaikoura.govt.nz

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Will Doughty', is positioned above the printed name.

Will Doughty
Chief Executive Officer