

Rebecca Watson

From: official information
Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 13:09
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: Re: LGOIMA 19013: HSBC NZ Sevens expenses

Good Morning

Further to your information request of 28 January 2019 in respect of HSBC NZ Sevens expenses, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

You requested:

- 1. Whether the Council or any Council Controlled Organisation, hosted any staff or guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?*
- 2. How many staff the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting staff?*
- 3. The names of any Elected Officials (Councillors or otherwise) hosted by the Council, or any Council Controlled Organisation, at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?*
- 4. How many guests the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting guests?*
- 5. A list of names of all guests hosted by the Council (or any CCO) at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.*
- 6. A list detailing which organisation or agency each guest represented, including the number of guests from each organisation or agency.*
- 7. Copies of any external or internal correspondence (including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or any other correspondence) in relation to the political risk and/or potential media coverage of:*
 - 1. The general practice of hosting staff, elected officials, or other guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens; and*
 - 2. Hosting any particular staff member, elected official, or guest at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.*
- 8. The reason for hosting staff and guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens. What was the value to ratepayers for them to host people at the tournament?*

Our response:

- 1. Whether the Council or any Council Controlled Organisation, hosted any staff or guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?*

No elected members of Council, staff or guests were hosted by Council or any of its CCOs. Official hosting at the event was arranged by the Event organisers primarily New Zealand Rugby (NZR). As part of the agreement, NZR provided stadium seats only to seven elected members over the course of the event. NZR also hosted the Mayor (and his wife) and three Council General Managers in their hospitality lounge during the event. To reiterate this was hospitality received at no cost to Council.
- 2. How many staff the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting staff?*

As above, Council did not hold any hosting at this event. Therefore no cost was incurred to Council.
- 3. The names of any Elected Officials (Councillors or otherwise) hosted by the Council, or any Council Controlled Organisation, at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?*

As above, Council did not hold any hosting at this event.
- 4. How many guests the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting guests?*

As above, no cost was incurred to Council.

5. *A list of names of all guests hosted by the Council (or any CCO) at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.*
As above, Council did not hold any hosting at this event.
6. *A list detailing which organisation or agency each guest represented, including the number of guests from each organisation or agency.*
As above, Council did not hold any hosting at this event.
7. *Copies of any external or internal correspondence (including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or any other correspondence) in relation to the political risk and/or potential media coverage of:*
 1. *The general practice of hosting staff, elected officials, or other guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens; and*
 2. *Hosting any particular staff member, elected official, or guest at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.*There has been no correspondence in regard to political risk and/or potential media coverage of hosting.
8. *The reason for hosting staff and guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens. What was the value to ratepayers for them to host people at the tournament?*
Not applicable - there was no cost incurred to Council. In the instance where Council elected members and staff were hosted by NZR, this provided an ideal opportunity to both experience the event and network with other VIP guest of NZR which included major event sponsors, NZR Board members, members of Parliament etc. During the event the Mayor was also required to meet with international guests and media seeking interviews on site.

Kind regards,

Amy Viggers

On behalf of the Privacy Officer

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From: official information

Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 7:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: LGOIMA 19013: HSBC NZ Sevens expenses

Good Morning,

I write to acknowledge your information request of 28 January 2019 in respect of HSBC NZ Sevens expenses.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not “as soon as reasonably practicable”, no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 26 February 2019.

Kind regards

Amy Viggers

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 28 January 2019 10:38 AM

To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>; info.ew@govt.nz

Subject: LGOIMA Request: HSBC NZ Sevens expenses

Good morning,

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please interpret any reference to “HSBC NZ Sevens” to cover both the men’s and women’s tournaments.

I request information that answers the following:

9. Whether the Council or any Council Controlled Organisation, hosted any staff or guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?
10. How many staff the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting staff?
11. The names of any Elected Officials (Councillors or otherwise) hosted by the Council, or any Council Controlled Organisation, at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens?
12. How many guests the Council (or any CCO) hosted at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens, and the total cost incurred by hosting guests?
13. A list of names of all guests hosted by the Council (or any CCO) at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.
14. A list detailing which organisation or agency each guest represented, including the number of guests from each organisation or agency.
15. Copies of any external or internal correspondence (including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or any other correspondence) in relation to the political risk and/or potential media coverage of:
 1. The general practice of hosting staff, elected officials, or other guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens; and
 2. Hosting any particular staff member, elected official, or guest at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens.
16. The reason for hosting staff and guests at the 2019 HSBC NZ Sevens. What was the value to ratepayers for them to host people at the tournament?

Please ensure that all figures disclosed are GST inclusive.

Please note these tournaments are broadcast both locally and internationally. As such, our request for names of all guests hosted by the Council (or any CCO) appears at face value to not breach any individual's right to privacy.

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on your agency. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in being able to assemble or provide some of the information requested, please provide the rest of the information as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a **confirmation of receipt**, the response and any other correspondence related to this request to [REDACTED]. Please include the following reference in the subject line: **HSBC NZ Sevens expenses**.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
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