

OIR: 2223/381

23 September 2022



Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2022 requesting the following information:

1. What is the expected cost on Kapiti Coast ratepayers of the proposed living wage proposal the Council is currently considering and how many Council employees will receive this?

2. How will the Kapiti Coast Council fund this living wage proposal?

3. Will any rate increase to cover this funding be passed onto only those areas that benefit from Council services ie not those Otaki and Paekakariki ratepayers who receive nothing for their ratepayer dollar by paying for their rubbish, sewage and water when these areas have their own water sources?

4. Does the Council's living wage proposal align with the original living wage concept?

5. A copies of all documentation held by the Kapiti Council and Kapiti Council staff relating to the living wage proposal.

The Living Wage project work is currently underway and as we are only commencing the information gathering and research, we do not have any information we can supply you at this time.

On that basis, I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

Following on from the email apology you received from Mayor Gurunathan with regards to the deadline for response being missed, I must advise that you have the right to make a complaint, seek an investigation or review by the Ombudsman. Enquiries can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Should you wish to send Council requests in future, could I ask that you copy in the Official Information Request inbox at the same time, this will mean that staff can direct your requests to the correct department in a more timely manner, the email address is: informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dianne Andrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dianne Andrew
Organisational Development Manager
Te Kaihautū mo te Hunga Mahi