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Request from:	Nikki Preston – New Zealand Herald
Information requested:	Mayoral expenses breakdown
Response from:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

25 November 2020

Nikki Preston
Waikato Reporter
New Zealand Herald

Via Email:

Dear Nikki

Official information request for Mayoral expenses breakdown.

I refer to your official information request dated 12 October 2020 for Mayoral expenses breakdown since 2019 election.

The information you have requested is enclosed:

Description	–	Amount	Date	Comments
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$441.00	28 October 2019	Mayors induction Wellington
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$398.00	20/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial Meeting Wellington
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$313.00	17/19 November 2019	Zone 5 and 6 Meeting Oamaru
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$91.00	December 2019	Mayors and Chairs meeting West Coast
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$127.00	20/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial Meeting Wellington
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$119.00	15 June 2020	Hokitika Meeting
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$51.00	22 July 2020	Breakfast meeting West Coast Wilderness Trail Hokitika
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$30.00	31 August 2020	Wellington Meeting
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$8.00	30 September 2020	Cancellation fee for Ashburton
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$376.00	18/20 November 2020	Rural and Provincial Meeting Wellington
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$332.00	October 2020	Wellington Meetings
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$63.00	October 2020	Wellington Meetings
Accommodation and Meals	and	\$145.00	12 October 2020	Hamilton Minerals Forum accommodation
TOTAL		\$2,494.00		

Description	Amount	Date	Comments
Conferences/Meetings			
Course and Conference	\$945.00	28 October 2019	Mayors Induction Workshop 2019
Course and Conference	\$319.00	05 August 2020	Minerals forum
Course and Conference	\$161.00	28 August 2020	Minerals Forum
TOTAL	\$1,425.00		

Description - Travel	Amount	Date	Comments
Flights	\$484.00	18/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial Meetings Wellington
Flights	\$336.00	28 October 2019	Mayors induction Wellington
Flights	\$273.00	18/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial Meetings Wellington
Taxi	\$28.00	28 October 2019	Mayors induction Wellington
Flights	\$462.00	17/19 November 2019	Zone 5 and 6 Oamaru
Flights	-\$446.00	17/19 November 2019	Zone 5 and 6 Oamaru
Flights	\$144.00	18/22 November 2019	Wellington Meetings (held in credit due to COVID-19 and no travel)
Taxi	\$29.00	18/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial meetings Wellington
Taxi	\$32.00	18/22 November 2019	Rural and Provincial meetings Wellington
Taxi	\$27.00	30 October 2019	Mayors induction Wellington
Booking fees	\$30.00	30 October 2020	Travel booking fees October 2020
Ferry Bookings	\$477.00	10/15 October 2020	Wellington Meetings
TOTAL	\$1,876.00		

Description	Amount	Date	Comments
Allowances			
Printer	\$28.24		Monthly allowances
Mobile	\$55.99		Monthly allowances
Internet	\$282.63		Monthly allowances
Phone	\$149.31		Monthly allowances
TOTAL	\$516.17		

Description – Gifts and Presentations	Amount	Date	Comments
Button holes for Councillors	\$95.65	October 2019	For inaugural meeting
Flowers	\$60.87	November 2019	Death in family of Committee member
Prize giving	\$26.09	December 2019	Mayors prize for Christmas Parade
Flag	\$98.69	23 January 2020	Tino Rangatiratanga Flag - Premium
Cards	\$24.30	28 January 2020	Sympathy cards
Flowers	\$26.09	20 February 2020	Get well flowers
Flowers	\$65.22	20 February 2020	Sympathy flowers for bereaved family
Presentation	\$133.91	21 February 2020	Tankard and engraving for Gold Star presentation
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Photo	\$123.83	20 February 2020	Council of 2019 – 2022 Council Frame
Wreath	\$86.96	11 March 2020	For bereaved family
TOTAL	\$875.52		

Description – Mayoral Fund Payment	Amount	Date	Comments
Donation	\$500.00	17 November 2020	Towards loss of possessions in fire
TOTAL	\$500.00		

Description - Subscriptions	Amount	Date	Comments
Mayors Task Force	\$672.00	22 July 2020	Mayors Task Force for Jobs
TOTAL	\$672.00		

I can advise the cost of the Mayoral car is \$32,123.77. It is a 2015 White Ford Kuga.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Assistant at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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