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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Elected Members Expenses Ref: 070/25
Date: Wednesday, 6 August 2025 10:16:32 am
Attachments: [070.25 LGOIMA Elected Members Expenses Summary.xlsx](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 9 July requesting information around elected members expenses for 2023 -2025.

Your request was as follows:

*“Could I please have a breakdown of expenses incurred by the Mayor and each member of Council over the past twelve months (2024-2025)?
This includes travel such as flights and vehicle rentals, fuel, accommodation, meals and items such as electronics and phones.
In comparison could I please have the same costs as lodged in 2023-24, and 2022-2023, with costs per elected individual.”*

Please find this information in the attached spreadsheet.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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Applications open
14 July - 11 August 2025



Total funds available
\$80,000



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As requested under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), the information is provided below:

The 3 **Summary Tabs** provides a summary of all expenses for 1. and 2. below for each of the 3 fiscal years between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

1 Mayor's Expenses:

The 3 Summary Tabs include a summary of ALL expenses incurred by the Mayor (J Cleine), including travel, accommodation, meals, entertainment, and other reimbursements for the relevant fiscal period i.e. Summary 2023 (2022/23), Summary 2024 (2023/24) and 2025 (2024/25).

2 Member of Council Expenses:

The 3 Summary Tabs also include a summary of ALL expenses incurred by the Council members, including travel, accommodation, meals, entertainment, and other reimbursements for the relevant fiscal period i.e. Summary 2023 (2022/23), Summary 2024 (2023/24) and 2025 (2024/25).

Summary**01/07/2024-30/06/2025****Mayor: J Cleine**

Travel and accommodation:	3,441.92	
Conference fees	-	
Communication - phone	-	
Mileage reimbursement	3,034.00	
Total ratepayer funded expenditure	6,475.92	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>

Council Members Expenses

Members Of Council

Travel and accommodation:	4,504.38	
Conference fees		
Communication - phone	16,100.00	
Mileage reimbursement non-Taxable	15,493.65	
Mileage reimbursement Taxable	680.00	
Total ratepayer funded expenditure	36,778.03	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>

Summary**01/07/2023-30/06/2024****Mayor: J Cleine**

Travel and accommodation:	4,339.54	
Conference fees	-	
Communication - phone	1,400.00	
Mileage reimbursement	2,514.40	
Total ratepayer funded expenditure	8,253.94	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>

Council Members Expenses

Members Of Council

Travel and accommodation:	6,703.85	
Conference fees		
Communication - phone	22,201.14	
Mileage reimbursement non-Taxable	13,610.20	
Mileage reimbursement Taxable	3,051.14	
Total ratepayer funded expenditure	45,566.33	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>

Summary**01/07/2022-30/06/2023****Mayor: J Cleine**

Travel and accommodation:	3,022.48	
Conference fees	1,795.60	
Communication - phone	1,400.00	
Mileage reimbursement	5,320.80	
Total ratepayer funded expenditure	11,538.88	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>

Council Members Expenses**Members Of Council**

Travel and accommodation:	5,000.15	
Conference fees		
Communication - phone	11,018.45	
Mileage reimbursement non-Taxable	14,972.90	
Mileage reimbursement Taxable	2,807.50	
	33,799.00	<i>This figures excludes GST</i>