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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Refreshment Costs - Long Term Plan Ref: OIA 062/24  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 8 May 2024 where you requested the following information:

1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long term plan?

Lunch for the 3 days hearings and 3 days deliberations will be catered for. Approx \$130 - \$150 per lunch per day or a total of \$780 to \$900 for all 6 meetings.

Council does not set a specific budget for the annual plan hearings refreshments.

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

Feed just the CEO and maybe 1-2 staff.

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

No specific menu is provided. However Councillors are provided with fruit, tea, coffee, biscuits/muesli bars, for morning and afternoon tea.

Lunch is generally a sandwich or wrap, a small savoury and a sweet. Lunches will be provided for the 6 days of the deliberations and 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.

Food choices are made on what is available from the local cafes. Health choices are considered by providing fruit and wraps/sandwiches with salad and limiting the less healthy savouries and sweets.

Councillors would have a say in the menu only individually if they had a specific dietary requirement.

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](http://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](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

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<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-igoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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