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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request - Query re BDC Iwi Representatives Remuneration Ref: OIA 056/21
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 7 September 2021 for information regarding Iwi representation and remuneration.

Please find below answer to Q. 7 .

(Questions 1-6 were previously answered by Lisa Gregory)

1. Has your council established a Maori ward? **No**
2. Or do you appoint Maori representatives to sit on council committees? **Yes one iwi rep is on each committee**
3. If the latter, why does the council prefer this form of representation for Maori? **Iwi prefers this form of representation so you would need to talk to Ned Tauwhare about that ned.tauwhare@ngatiwaewae.org.nz <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/mayor-a-councillors/>**
4. Who makes the appointments? **Ngati Waewae Francois Tumahi – you can talk to Ned about this**
5. Who are the appointees and which committees do they sit on? **As above**
6. Do they have voting powers? **On committees they do – not on full council**
7. How much are they paid? **Ngati Waewae are paid \$500.00 per month to cover the travel and accommodation costs of their representative who travels up from further down the Coast.**

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.

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Kind regards

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