

From: Official Information  
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 4:26 p.m.  
To: 'requests@taxpayers.org.nz'  
Subject: LGOIMA 17/020 response - Taxpayers' Union - Council and Board Member Induction Costs

Thank you for your email, received on 24 January 2017. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. *"The total amount spent by your council (group) on gifts and materials provided to newly elected council and board members, following the October 2016 elections. Please include (but not limited to) bags, IT equipment, phones, clothing, stationary and equipment; and*
2. *In relation to #1 above, we request a list of specific items and their individual costs."*

#### Release of information

Listed below are expenses incurred by the Christchurch City Council during the induction process for newly elected members following the October 2016 elections. I also refer you to the Schedule of Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Rules on the Council's web page: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/How-the-Council-works/ApprovedEMAllowancesExpensesRules1July2016.pdf>.

The items below are not deemed "gifts" by the Council, as they are essential equipment to enable elected members to carry out their responsibilities. In some instances, the equipment remains the property of the Council and should the elected member resign (or not be re-elected during the next elections) the item will be returned to the Council. These items are identified below.

The Council is in the process of going paperless for all official meetings. Consequently, the Council is providing elected members with electronic devices to replace paper copies of agendas and meeting documentation. Anticipated financial savings over the 3-year term on printing and courier costs are approximately \$96,000; furthermore, the Council continues to own and can redistribute the hardware. This figure does not include savings/benefits from reduced dumping costs for paper.

- Mayor's phone \$1242.61 + GST (to be returned)
- iPad (Mayor and Councillors = 17) @ \$1420.44 + GST (to be returned)
- iPad (Community Board Members = 37\*) @ \$1212.35 + GST (to be returned)
- Keyboard cases (all members = 54\*) @ 171.75 + GST (to be returned)
- Name tags - \$242.80 + GST (Councillors + Community Board members)
- Business cards - \$3,470.00 + GST (Councillors + Community Board members)
- Personal Protection Equipment + GST - \$2,261.22 (Councillors only)
- Satchels were provided to Councillors but the cost of these is unknown as they were pulled from existing stock and are out of date branding.

\* Please note that the Community Board members are yet to receive these items. Roll out to Community Board members should be complete by June 2017.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

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Yours sincerely,

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