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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2024-099

I refer to your request for information dated 8 May 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 8 May 2024. You have requested the following:

- “1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long term plan?”*
- 2. If your council also feeds staff members meals during this time, how many staff members approximately?*
- 3. A copy of the menu/list of what food will be/has been provided, and on which day.*
- 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.”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Greater Wellington had two scheduled days of public hearings for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. There is no separate budget for catering for these hearings, which will be met from Greater Wellington’s overall catering budget.

Lunch was provided on each day for the members of the Long Term Plan Committee. Lunch was not specifically provided for staff members.

The food list for the hearings on 21 May 2024 was:

- Sushi - Chef's choice
- Sausage rolls – small
- Non-vegetarian club sandwich platter
- Vegetarian club sandwich platter
- Curried carrot & cumin fritter
- Sushi - vegetarian
- Cut fresh fruit.

The food list for the hearings on 23 May 2024 was:

- Assorted club sandwiches
- Vegetarian club sandwiches
- Kransky sausage rolls
- Individual vegetarian tarts
- Spinach & feta spanakopita
- Chicken skewers with aioli
- Fruit kebabs
- Red velvet cake.

The menu choices are based on a variety of finger food that can be eaten in a short time, and providing options for any individuals with identified dietary restrictions.

The catering companies providing the food are businesses based in the Wellington Region.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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