



02 February 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received 30 January 2023 and related to the Citizenship ceremony process for our region. Our response is below:

1. How are citizenship ceremonies run across your district/city, are they just run by council staff, privately organised, etc.?

**Response:**

Citizenship ceremonies are run by the Mayor's Office and organised/facilitated by the Mayor's Executive Assistant, together with Council staff (catering, powhiri, photographs for communications).

2. Provide a list of all citizenship ceremonies which have taken place in your council's district/city over the last 3 calendar years.

**Response:**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions over the last three years, we have only run two Citizenship Ceremonies. Information requested below.

Date	28 May 2021	1 November 2022
No. of people who received their citizenship certification	4	12
No. of council staff who attended the event	5	3
No. of councillors who attended the event	1	1
Total cost of organising and running the event, including travel costs, accommodation, staff hours, consulting, catering, venue hire, entertainment, advertising.	\$835.00	\$960.00

*Making this place home.*

Location of citizenship ceremony	Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre	Council Chambers Marton
No. of local or central government staff who were not working for your council but were working for another government authority.	Nil	Nil

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely



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