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Kia ora Sinead,

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act request for information regarding refreshment costs during Long Term Plan Hearings**

We refer to your LGOIMA request dated 8 May 2024 requesting information regarding refreshment costs during Long Term Plan Hearings.

Our response follows under each question:

**1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 Long Term Plan**

Attached are details of the catering for the hearings, including costs.

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

Numbers being catered for include 9 elected members, 1 iwi representative and 8 members of our executive leadership team.

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

Attached are details of the catering for the hearings, including costs.

**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.**

We always ensure there is a selection of vegetarian options, as well as a choice of healthier options for those wanting this. We do not currently have to cater for any special dietary requirements but can do so if requested. All food is purchased from local supermarkets.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 response with us, please feel free to contact me on 06 3706300.

Yours sincerely,



**Karen Yates**  
**General Manager Strategy and Development**

## CATERING FOR LTP HEARINGS 2024

<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>		Cost	No of people	Cost per person
Morning tea	Biscuits	\$7.00	18	\$0.39
Lunch	Club sandwiches	\$85.00		
	Seasoned wedges	\$8.58		
	Sour cream	\$3.49		
	Chili sauce	\$2.69		
	Salt and pepper squid	\$16.75		
	Chicken tenders	\$22.78		
	Chelsea buns	\$4.99		
	Cream buns	\$5.49		
	Bananas	\$1.45		
	Kiwifruit	\$2.79		
	Pineapple	\$4.99		
	Mandarins	\$4.04		
		<u>\$163.04</u>	18	\$9.06
<b>Wednesday total</b>		<b>\$170.04</b>		<b>\$9.45</b>

<b>Thursday 23 May</b>		Cost	No of people	Cost per person
Morning tea	Biscuits	\$7.00	18	\$0.39
Lunch	Wraps	\$66.60		
	Fresh instore pizzas	\$43.38		
	Nobashi prawns	\$22.95		
	Indian vege platter	\$8.25		
	Hot apple danishes	\$23.07		
	Bananas	\$2.15		
	Kiwifruit	\$2.99		
	Pears	\$5.41		
	Mandarins	\$4.01		
		<u>\$178.81</u>	18	\$9.93
Afternoon tea	Biscuits	\$7.00	18	\$0.39
<b>Thursday total</b>		<b>\$192.81</b>		<b>\$10.71</b>

<b>Friday 24 May</b>		Cost	No of people	Cost per person
Morning tea	Scones	\$12.45		
	Muffins	\$10.76		
<b>Friday total</b>		<u>\$23.21</u>	18	<b>\$1.29</b>