

Response to information request from [REDACTED]

7 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email earlier on 2 June asking for the following information regarding an employment issue with Rebecca Tayler:

1. As this employment issue was an unbudgeted item, were business cases prepared for this spends?
2. Where did the financial controls fall down to allow such significant spends?
3. Who approved these spends?
4. The above three items also apply in the year ending 30 June 2021 where an overspend of \$97,945 took place

You can attribute the following response to our Chief Executive Stephen Parry:

1. No, business cases were not prepared as employment issues for any council are ad hoc and not predictable.
2. There were no deficiencies in the Council's financial controls.
3. The chief executive approved expenditure in relationship to the Rebecca Tayler employment issue.
4. Answers as above

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonia Gerken'.

Sonia Gerken
GM Communications & Customer Support