

Response to LGOIMA request from Taxpayer's Union

21 November 2023

Dear Rhys,

Thanks for your email dated 17 October 2023 in which you request the following:

- The total cost of any mediation involving the previous/interim Gore District Council Chief Executive Stephen Parry over the last 12 months.
- Please include a breakdown of this cost including any hireage of intermediary, estimated staff time, legal advice or any other cost relating to the mediation.
- Any legal advice or guidance, acquired, paid for, or given from either staff or other legal professionals around the mediation process.

The Council has given consideration to your request. The information you have asked for relates to the employment of the Council's chief executive Stephen Parry. As such, we will not be releasing the information in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act Section 7 (2)(a) to protect a person's privacy.

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