

**Sent:** Monday, 18 July 2016 9:25 a.m.

**Subject:** TRIM: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act request

I refer to your email of 18 June 2016 to Geoff Williams requesting information under the above Act concerning the Mayor's trip to Morocco in 2014.

- a) The Mayor was personally invited to attend the Global Spa and Wellness Summit in Morocco, instigated through Charles Davidson who owns the Mornington Peninsula Spa and Hot Springs in Melbourne. Her attendance at this Summit was authorised by the Chief Executive as per the Policy Register – *All travel involving flights, rental cars or one or more nights away requires advance approval from a more senior manager (or from a Group Manager or CE where travel is international). While at the Summit Mayor Chadwick participated in a panel discussion 'Honourable Ministers of Tourism Share National Strategies: How Governments are Prioritizing, Branding and Marketing Wellness Tourism', chaired a luncheon session where she spoke to those who wanted to find out more about the plans to rejuvenate Rotorua as a spa and wellness city and community, and spoke at a Hot Springs Forum Discussion on 'Thermal Renaissance: Stories from a Heated Earth'.*

I have attached a copy of the invitation (Attachment 1), the Summit programme (Attachment 2), Mayor Chadwick's speech (Attachment 3) and the accompanying powerpoint presentation (Attachment 4).

- b) Below were the costs incurred by both Rotorua District Council and Grow Rotorua:

**Rotorua District Council**

Mayor Chadwick – Airfares		6,985.00 NZ	Paid by RDC
John Chadwick – Airfares		(6,985.00) NZ	Paid by John Chadwick
Mayor Chadwick/John Chadwick – Hotel	7,800,00 MAD	1,088.00 NZ	Paid by RDC
Mayor Chadwick/John Chadwick – City tax	240,00 MAD	33.78 NZ	Paid by RDC
Mayor Chadwick/John Chadwick – Airport transfers	1,000,00 MAD	140.00 NZ	Paid by RDC
Mayor Chadwick – Medina Tour	580,00 MAD	83.11 NZ	Paid by RDC
John Chadwick – Medina Tour	580,00 MAD	(83.11) NZ	Paid by John Chadwick
Mayor Chadwick/John Chadwick – Summit Registration	3,685.00 US	4,478.23 NZ	Paid by RDC
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,808.12</b>	<b>Paid by RDC</b>

**Grow Rotorua**

Frances Pauwels – Airfares		3,935.00 NZ	Paid by Grow Rotorua
Frances Pauwels – Hotel		950.90 NZ	Paid by Grow Rotorua
Frances Pauwels – Airport transfers, taxis		294.91 NZ	Paid by Grow Rotorua
Frances Pauwels – Lunch / Dinner Rotorua delegation		260.92 NZ	Paid by Grow Rotorua
Frances Pauwels – Summit Registration	2,490.00 US	3,112.50 NZ	Paid by Grow Rotorua
		<b>\$8,554.23</b>	<b>Paid by Grow Rotorua</b>

- c) As referred to in (a) above, Mayor Chadwick’s attendance at the Summit was authorised by the Chief Executive. Frances Pauwels’ attendance was authorised by the Grow Rotorua Board. The Summit provided the opportunity for Rotorua to link in with a spa and wellness global network, which has helped provide Rotorua access to world leading spa and wellness designers and consultants as we develop the Kuirau Park concept and Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust investigate world class spa facilities. While at the Summit Rotorua presented a bid to attract a future Global Spa and Wellness Summit to Rotorua. Attendance at the Summit was also instrumental in recently bringing world-renowned tourism consultant Professor Terry Stevens to Rotorua to review what the Rotorua district offers for tourism.

Attached are media releases on the Summit (Attachment 5), the report on the Summit provided by Mayor Chadwick to the Council meeting on 30 October 2014 (Attachment 6), and a copy of the bid document provided to the Summit (Attachment 7).

Under legislation we are obliged to advise that if you have any concerns with the adequacy of our response you may contact the Ombudsman by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Or alternatively by email to [complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz](mailto:complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz)

Regards

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