

8 April 2019

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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 19 March 2019. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

The request is to Mayor Michael Feyen however, Council may be able to provide additional information.

Mayor Feyen

You often claim in your Facebook posts, videos, media and at council meetings that there are a number of investigations ‘going on’. Please substantiate this claim by providing the following information.

For each investigation

- **Who or which government agency is undertaking the investigations?**
- **What is the purpose?**
- **What caused the investigation to start?**
- **If as the result of a complaint who was the complainant?**
- **When was the investigation started?**
- **The date of an expected outcome (if available)?**

Mayor Feyen has declined to provide a response to your request. He has however provided the following statement:

“I am not prepared to spend any time on this given that there are no details of the requestor. I suggest forwarding the LGOIMA request to the Ombudsman’s Office.”

As Chief Executive, I can confirm the following investigations are currently open:

Office or Ministry	Investigation Description	Commenced
Office of the Ombudsman	<p>LGOIMA Practice – routine investigation into Horowhenua District Council’s policies and practices.</p> <p>The investigation aims to establish whether we have good practice in place across five dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and culture • Organisation structure, staffing and capability • Internal policies, procedures, resources and 	October 2018

	systems • Current practices • Performance monitoring and learning	
Office of the Ombudsman	Investigation into an individual's complaint regarding Council declining to provide Official Information as requested under LGOIMA	February 2019
Office of the Ombudsman	Investigation into an individual's complaint regarding Council's complaint process	March 2019
Office of the Ombudsman	Investigation into an individual's complaint regarding not being able to provide Official Information as requested under LGOIMA	March 2018

You are entitled to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman regarding the withheld information.

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Mark Lester, Group Manager Corporate Services at markl@horowhenua.govt.nz or on 06 366 0999.

Yours sincerely



David Clapperton
Chief Executive