

Reference Number: 2023/931

1 February 2023

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 30 January 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

How are citizenship ceremonies run across your district/city, are they run by council staff, privately organised, etc?

Citizenship Ceremonies are organised by Council officers.

Provide a list of all citizenship ceremonies which have taken place in your council’s district/city over the last 3 calendar years. Alongside each ceremony listed, please also provide the following information relevant to that event:

There were no Citizenship Ceremonies held in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Citizenship Ceremony Date	Number of people who have received their citizenship certification	Number of council staff who attended the event	Number of councillors who attended the event	Total cost of organising and running the event	Location of the citizenship ceremony	Number of people from other government agencies invited and attended
26/03/2021	10	2	2	\$450.00	Council Chambers	3 invited 1 attended
25/06/2021	19	3	3	\$885.00	Council Chambers	3 invited 1 attended
27/09/2022	23	4	2	\$1,125.00	Council Chambers	3 invited 0 attended
13/12/2022	17	4	2	\$995.00	Council Chambers	3 invited 0 attended

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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