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Kia ora David

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 26 September 2022. You requested the following information:

- All correspondence with or regarding the NZ Initiative for the last 12 months.
- Provide all funding and in-kind support provided to the NZ Initiative for each of the last five financial years, indicating the purpose of the funding.
- Any reports or other material describing or evaluating the benefits that Wellington City Council receives for this investment.

Wellington City Council has partly **granted** your request for information.

Prior to 2020 the Council had subscribed to the NZ Initiative to contribute to its independent policy research. However, in 2020 the new Chief Executive, Barbara McKerrow, received a subscription request from the NZ Initiative and made the decision to cancel it.

There is no correspondence with or regarding the NZ Initiative for the last 12 months or any report or material describing or evaluating the benefits that the Council received for this investment. This part of your request has been refused under section 17(g) of the Act that the information requested is not held by the local authority.

**Payments made to NZ Initiative:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Dollar value (inc gst)</b>
1 April 2018	Membership	\$23,000
1 April 2019	Membership	\$23,000

Notes:

- Data is for the last five financial years. Only two membership payments have been paid with in this period.
- The Council has not provided NZ Initiative any other funding or in-kind support.

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Asha Harry

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