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Kia ora Ben,

Mayor's media commitments

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 2 November.

Wellington City Council has partially refused your request for information. Please see below the response to your request.

1. The total number of radio, television, print or online media interview requests received for Mayor Tory Whanau, between July 1 and October 31, inclusive.

Media requests for the mayor come through a variety of channels including:

- Direct to the mayor
- To the WCC media team
- The mayor's Chief of Staff
- The mayor's Communications Specialist
- Social media

These requests are not tracked in a centralised system and are made across text, phone, and email.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Please note that the period requested includes when the mayor was in New York as part of the Bloomberg Mayor's Forum, and in Asia as part of the Wellington delegation.

2. The total number of radio, television, print or online media interview requests for Mayor Tory Whanau that were accepted, between July 1 and October 31, inclusive.

As above, requests for interviews are not tracked. Interviews which are in the mayor's diary will be available on the [Council website](#).

3. The total number of group press conferences Mayor Tory Whanau has fronted, between July 1 and October 31, inclusive.

There were three media stand-ups during this period.

4. I'd also like a detailed copy of the Mayor's diary between July 1 and October 31, inclusive.

As previously advised, the mayor's diary is proactively released on the Council website. The diary up until September is [currently online](#), with October to follow soon. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 17(d) of the Act as the information is or will soon be publicly available.

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.

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

Claudia Holgate
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