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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email dated 20 November 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information relating to the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition:

1. *What was the target number of people attending the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition?*
2. *How many people actually attended?*
3. *How much ratepayer money was spent on the exhibition?*
4. *Did it breakeven, make a profit or make a loss?*
5. *If it made a profit or a loss what are those figures?*
6. *I would also like to request all documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please find my response below.

Question 1 and 2 - *What was the target number of people attending the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition and how many people actually attended?*

The Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition had a target of 43,000 attendees.

We have refused your request for actual attendance, under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

However, we can advise tens of thousands of people attended the exhibition with 91% satisfied or extremely satisfied with the exhibition from our preliminary reporting.

Question 3 - *How much ratepayer money was spent on the exhibition?*

We have refused your request for ratepayer money spent amount under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

However, similar to our response to your previous request (IRC-6411), we can provide you with the below information which are the results for Tākina for the five months to November 2024. For the total Tākina operations a cost of \$5m has been incurred which is in line with the budget for this period.

OPEX (\$'000)	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	2,502	3,308	-806
Expenditure	7,643	8,398	754
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-5,141	-5,090	-52

Question 4 and 5 - Did it breakeven, make a profit or make a loss? If it made a profit or a loss what are those figures?

We have refused your request for profit or loss amount under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. However, alongside confirming the financial results for Tākina for the five months to November 2024 above, I can confirm the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonder exhibition made a deficit.

Question 6 - I would also like to request all documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to the Doctor Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition.

We have refused your request for all documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to The Dr Who Worlds of Wonders exhibition under section 17(f) of the Act, the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research alone. Further, a large amount of time would also be required to manually digest the information as it is anticipated redactions would need to be applied to a lot of this information given the commercial relationship with our exhibition partner.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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