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Reference: CER/963

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Dear James

Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request received on 8 August 2014. You requested the following:

"...all information about the costs incurred by CERA, and/or the CCDU, for the event staged on the afternoon of the 7th of August, 2014 to announce the convention centre project".

Delivering announcements about the progress the city is making is a crucial part of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's (CERA) role to lead and coordinate the ongoing recovery effort. The recovery strategy identifies CERA as the organisation set up to provide leadership and coordination by focusing on business recovery, restoring local communities and making sure the right structures are in place for rebuilding. Enabling an effective and timely rebuild is key, as is keeping people and communities informed. CERA works closely with the Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury and with local communities of greater Christchurch, including Te Rununga o Ngāi Tahu, the private sector and the business sector to do this.

CERA provides logistical support to deliver announcements, as well as community engagements and public workshops. The cost of these events varies depending on size, location and the number of people involved, but ensuring that up-to-date information is provided to the public is invaluable.

Announcements of the city's progress are promoted and highlighted on CERA's website, and shared through the variety of statutory partners' sites, as well as with external stakeholders, including Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism, for maximum reach. The Plenary video of the Convention Centre imagery was shared on Thursday 7 August 2014 and in the first 12 hours had 1,500 views.

This is a good demonstration of the huge amount of interest in the city's recovery and emphasizes the importance of keeping the community updated in each progressive step.

In response to your request, the following table sets out the costs incurred by CERA for the event:

Supplier	Service	Cost (inc gst)
Verve real food catering	food & waited service - 90 pax	\$ 1,485.00
Sub 5 security for site with marquee	36 hours as marquee floored so has to be put up in advance	\$ 1,345.50
Multi-Media	AV, staging, TVs etc.	\$ 3,435.51
Party Warehouse	Marquee - floored, silked, seating, permit, toilets	\$ 8,674.00
Peek Exhibitions	Display boards	\$ 586.50
	TOTAL	\$ 15,526.51

Yours sincerely

Roger Sutton
Chief Executive