

13 December 2023

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Via FYI website

Kia ora James,

### **Mayor Whanau diary**

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 01 December 2023. You requested the following information:

1. Please list any official meetings or appointments involving Mayor Tory Whanau that have been cancelled or rescheduled since the 8th August 2023.
2. Please list any meetings or appointments that Mayor Tory Whanau was scheduled to attend since 8th of August 2023 which she did not attend.
3. Please list expenses, if any, attributed to the Mayor for eating/dining/drinking/entertainment since July 1st 2023. This should include the name of each venue alongside the amount spent.
4. Please list the work days/dates if any, Mayor Tory Whanau has been sick this year.

Wellington City Council has refused your request for information.

**Please list any official meetings or appointments involving Mayor Tory Whanau that have been cancelled or rescheduled since the 8th August 2023.**

**Please list any meetings or appointments that Mayor Tory Whanau was scheduled to attend since 8th of August 2023 which she did not attend.**

The mayor's diary is published on our website [About the Council - Mayor Tory Whanau - Wellington City Council](#) and is the finalised version. Any apologies or rescheduling of meetings would have been made via phone, text, or email. As such searching for any apologies or rescheduling of meetings or appointments with no other search terms has been refused under section 17(f) of the Act that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I have considered the requirements of section 17A, however, these would not remove my reason for refusing your request.

**Please list expenses, if any, attributed to the Mayor for eating/dining/drinking/entertainment since July 1st 2023. This should include the name of each venue alongside the amount spent.**

The mayor's expenses are available on our website up until September 2023 [About the Council - Mayor Tory Whanau - Wellington City Council](#) with remaining expenses to be published in due course. 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.

**Please list the work days/dates if any, Mayor Tory Whanau has been sick this year.**

Elected Members can apply to Council for leave of absence and a report goes to Council seeking such leave. The mayor has not applied for a leave of absence. Outside of this there is no 'leave' that the mayor takes or can apply for, including sick leave. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act as the information is not held.

An apology for Council meetings is required if members are unable to attend. Attendance at Council meetings are reported on the front cover of the minutes for each meeting. You can see a list of the meetings (and links to the minutes inside), on our website: <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/meetings-calendar>.

I also refer you to the mayor's diary which is published online and provides information on the mayor's schedule.

#### **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.

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

Kind regards

Claudia Holgate  
**Acting Team Leader, Official Information**