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Thank you for your letter request of 17 September 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting information regarding Citizenship Ceremonies. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please find my response below.

- *The total spend on Citizenship Ceremony's from 10th October 2022 to today. Please break this down by year.*
- *The total number of Citizen Ceremonys since 10th of October 2022. Please break this down by year.*

Please refer to **Appendix 01** attached to this letter in response to your above questions. Please note that spending totals vary due to invoicing timeframes and monthly accruals.

A single or double ceremony refers to if one or two ceremonies are held on the same night. A single ceremony has approximately 125 people receive their citizenship, and a double ceremony is approximately 250 people.

The 'income' recorded is given to the Council by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). The Council obtains a certain amount of income per ceremony participant. This amount has changed slightly over the past two years, but as of July 2024, it is \$45.28 plus GST per participant.

- *Please provide a cost breakdown of the total cost of each Citizen Ceremony in 2024.*

Please refer to **Appendix 02** attached to this letter in response to your above question.

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

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Date	Single or double ceremony	Expenditure	Income
Oct-22	No ceremony	-	
Nov-22	Double ceremony	-	\$10,920.00
Dec-22	Single ceremony	\$31,620.94	\$4,200.00
Jan-23	No ceremony	-	\$4,690.00
Feb-23	Single ceremony	-	\$4,865.00
Mar-23	Single ceremony	\$19,227.73	\$5,320.00
Apr-23	Double ceremony	-	\$10,960.00
May-23	Double ceremony	-	\$10,800.00
Jun-23	Double ceremony	\$33,507.04	\$10,680.00
Jul-23	No ceremony	-	-
Aug-23	Double ceremony	-	\$11,620.49
Sep-23	Double ceremony	\$18,128.58	\$11,448.96
Oct-23	Single ceremony	-	\$5,874.56
Nov-23	Double ceremony	-	\$11,191.69
Dec-23	Double ceremony	\$56,907.97	\$11,749.12
Jan-24	No ceremony	\$750.00	-
Feb-24	Double ceremony	\$14,602.12	\$12,563.84
Mar-24	Double ceremony	\$15,232.94	\$11,706.24
Apr-24	Double ceremony	\$18,934.62	\$10,720.00
May-24	Double ceremony	\$3,643.04	\$10,720.00
Jun-24	Single ceremony	\$25,383.80	\$5,317.12
Jul-24	No ceremony	-	\$5,841.12
Aug-24	Single ceremony	\$2,625.00	TBC
Sep-24	Single ceremony	\$11,214.10	TBC
Grand Total		\$251,777.88	\$171,188.14

Date	Type of payment	Amount	Total
January			
11/01/2024	Withholding Tax Payment (No GST)	\$750	
			\$750
February			
20/02/2024	Citizenship Ceremonies Venue Hire	\$14,522.12	
28/02/2024	Purchase Card (PCARD) Labels for Citizenship plants	\$80	
			\$14,602.12
March			
7/03/2024	Withholding Tax Payment (No GST)	\$500	
28/03/2024	Citizenship Ceremonies Venue Hire	\$14,082.12	
30/03/2024	PCARD Staff Meal	\$58.32	
31/03/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$592.50	
			\$15,232.94
April			
1/04/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
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29/04/2024	Citizenship Ceremonies Venue Hire	\$13,788.62	
30/04/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$614.50	
30/04/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$631.50	
			\$18,934.62
May			
6/05/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
6/05/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
6/05/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
30/05/2024	PCARD Staff Meal	\$81.04	
30/05/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$637	

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			\$3,643.04
June			
24/06/2024	PCARD Citizenship Staff Meal	\$51.38	
24/06/2024	PCARD Spotlight- Tissue Paper	\$10.43	
30/06/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
30/06/2024	Citizenship Ceremonies Venue Hire	\$24,031.24	
30/06/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$315.75	
			\$25,383.80
July			
			\$0
August			
29/08/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
30/08/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$975	
30/08/2024	Cultural services - Mihi Whakatau	\$675	
			\$2625
September			
3/09/2024	Plants - Citizenship Berhampore Nursery	\$325.30	
19/09/2024	Withholding Tax Payment (No GST)	\$250	
24/09/2024	Citizenship Ceremonies Venue Hire	\$10,638.80	
			\$11,214.10