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Thank you for your email dated 19 March 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *The salary of new chief executive Matt Prosser*
2. *A statement as to why the council decided on this pay*
3. *Including any emails between elected officials on the pay decision*
4. *Whether the council has paid any relocation costs for Prosser and if yes, how much and can you give a breakdown of these costs?*
5. *Can I also have Barbara McKerrow's salary before her departure?*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

**Question 1 and 2** – *The salary of new chief executive Matt Prosser and a statement as to why the council decided on this pay.*

The Unaunahi Ngaio | Chief Executive Performance Review [Committee](#) has responsibility for the effective monitoring of the Chief Executive Officer's performance and has the authority to undertake the annual remuneration review.

An independent company, in line with the Council's remuneration policy, evaluated the role and proposed a salary band for the Committee's consideration. The committee subsequently agreed on the base salary of \$550,000.

**Question 3** – *Including any emails between elected officials on the pay decision*

I can confirm no emails have been found in scope, therefore this part of your request has been refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the requested information is not held.

**Question 4** - *Whether the council has paid any relocation costs for Matt Prosser and if yes, how much and can you give a breakdown of these costs?*

At the date of receiving your request, the following services were invoices and paid for by the Council towards Mr Prosser's relocation:

- VISA application requirements and process – \$3603.33
- Household shipping costs – \$24,103.05
- Premium economy flights to New Zealand – \$10,260.73

**Question 5 - *Can I also have Barbara McKerrow's salary before her departure?***

The Council's Chief Executive salary is reported on within our [Annual Reports](#) (page 123), \$537,239.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact [official.information@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:official.information@wcc.govt.nz).

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