

22 January 2020

**Response to official information request for Reasonableness of six fuel card transactions reviewed by Ernst Young/Cost of external review and legal expenses**

I refer to your request for official information received 2 December 2019 relating to reasonableness of six fuel card transactions reviewed by Ernst Young/cost of external review and legal expenses. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

**1. After receiving the report from Ernst Young about six fuel card transactions made by the former Mayor Mike Tana, did Porirua City Council make any determination that the fuel card use was not 'reasonable'**

- The Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2019 considered in open session a paper on the issue. Detailed below is the link to the Committee's decision which was accepted by subsequent Council meeting.

<https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/meetings-minutes-and-agendas/?c=1&y=2019&m=12>

**2. What was the cost of engaging Ernst Young to provide the report requested, and what was the cost of legal services that PCC used related to the matters surrounding this matter.**

- The cost of engaging Ernst Young was \$20,987 inclusive of GST.
- The cost of engaging legal services was \$54,806 inclusive of GST.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Roy Baker, [roy.baker@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:roy.baker@porirua.govt.nz), DDI 237-1417.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Walker".

Wendy Walker  
**Chief Executive**  
**Kaiwhakahaere Matua**