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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to official information request for a copy of the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy application

I refer to your request for official information received 13 June 2020 relating to the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy application.

We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

We have decided to refuse your request under sections 7(2)(a) and 26(1)(b) of the LGOIMA as the information supplied by Porirua City Council to fulfil the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy application contains personal information.

We have considered the public interest in the release of this information under section 7(1).

To provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note the Council was required to provide the Ministry of Social Development a list of employees with their relevant employment-related information. This was collated in an Excel file format, *Porirua City Council large-employer-form*, which has been withheld to protect privacy.

The application process also required confirmation through the MSD's online questionnaire, which is no longer available on their website, that the Council experienced a revenue drop of over 30 per cent and was committed to maintaining the employment of the staff documented for the period claimed.

We have decided to refuse your request for information related to the information released via the MSD's online questionnaire under section 17(g)(i), whereby the information requested is not held by the Council but by the MSD.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Stephen Woolley via email: stephen.woolley@porirua.govt.nz or phone: 04 2371416.

Ngā mihi

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