

01 July 2022

Matthew Andrews
Via FYI website

Kia ora Matthew,

Resourcing of the mayor's office

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 16 May 2022. Please see the below responses to your questions.

1) The total budget allocated to the Mayor of Wellington's office each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22.

Below is an outline of the mayor's office budget from 2009 onwards:

Financial Year	FY Budget (\$)
2009-10	682,835.78
2010-11	716,642.74
2011-12	779,513.15
2012-13	736,458.52
2013-14	716,806.68
2014-15	730,581.08
2015-16	766,309.07
2016-17	801,924.00
2017-18	1,191,004.14
2018-19	911,405.84
2019-20	839,153.61
2020-21	945,178.11
2021-22	817,305.16

2-4) The total number of staff employed in the mayor's office each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22.

The job titles of staff employed in the mayor's office each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22.

The salary bands applying to roles in the mayor's office each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22. Note to avoid revealing private information, please provide this information in salary bands no less than \$10,000.

Unfortunately, because we changed human resources and finance systems in the last few years, we are unable to provide data going back to 2009. Below are the staff numbers and salary bands from

the financial year ending 30 June 2016 through to current. Due to the small number of staff in the mayor's office, we have used bands of \$30,000 to make this less identifiable. Please note that this does not include contractors, although I have indicated the years in which the Chief of Staff/Chief Advisor role was filled by a contractor.

As of	Staff numbers	Job titles	Remuneration range	
			Range (\$)	Staff
30 June 2016	7 FTE employed	Chief Advisor	170,000 – 199,999	1
		Office Manager/PA to the Mayor	80,000 – 109,999	1
		Senior Communications Advisor Functions & Project Coordinator Correspondence Coordinator Communications Advisor Receptionist / PA	50,000 – 79,000	5
30 June 2017	5 FTE employed	Chief Advisor*	80,000 – 109,999	1
		Snr EA to the Mayor	50,000 – 79,000	4
		Events & Projects Coordinator		
		Correspondence & Social Media Coordinator		
		Public Affairs Advisor EA to the Deputy Mayor		
30 June 2018	4 FTE employed	Chief Advisor*	80,000 – 109,999	1
		Snr EA to the Mayor	50,000 – 79,000	3
		EA to the Deputy Mayor		
		Events & Projects Coordinator Correspondence & Social Media Coordinator		
30 June 2019	4 FTE employed	Chief Advisor*	80,000 – 109,999	2
		Snr EA to the Mayor (2 x FTEs)	50,000 – 79,000	2
		Events & Projects Coordinator Correspondence & Social Media Coordinator		
30 June 2020	5 FTE employed	Chief of Staff*	80,000 – 109,999	2
		Communications Specialist	50,000 – 79,000	3
		EA to the Mayor		
		Advisor to the Deputy Mayor		
		Business Support Coordinator Events and Projects Coordinator		
30 June 2021	5 FTE employed	Chief of Staff	170,000 – 199,999	1
		EA to the Mayor	80,000 – 109,999	2
		Advisor to the Deputy Mayor	50,000 – 79,000	2
		Business Support Coordinator		
		Project and Functions Coordinator		
Current Staff	6 FTE employed	Chief of Staff	170,000 – 199,999	1
		Principal Communications Specialist**	80,000 – 109,999	3

		EA to the Mayor Senior Communications Specialist Senior Advisor Senior Business Support Officer Functions and Events Coordinator	50,000 – 79,000	2
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5) Any provision for spending on consultants directly by the mayor without further approval required, each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22.

For each financial year from 2009-10 through to 2021-22 the Discretionary Budget for the Mayor has been \$10,000. This budget is not specifically for hiring of consultants but can be used at the mayor's discretion.

Below are the costs from this budget which were coded as 'Consulting or Advice'

Financial Year	Consulting or advice
2009-10	0.00
2010-11	0.00
2011-12	\$1,200.00
2012-13	0.00
2013-14	0.00
2014-15	0.00
2015-16	\$500.00
2016-17	0.00
2017-18	0.00
2018-19	\$25.00
2019-20	0.00
2020-21	\$3,667.83
2021-22 (to date)	\$7,070.00

The current mayors expenses are available on the Council website here: [About the Council - Mayor Andy Foster - Wellington City Council](#)

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.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

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

Kind regards
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