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<b>Request from:</b>	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
<b>Information requested:</b>	Citizenship Ceremony Process information
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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22 February 2023

Alex Murphy  
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

Via Email: [alex@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:alex@taxpayers.org.nz)

Dear Alex

**Official information request for Citizenship Ceremony Process information**

I refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2023 for Citizenship Ceremony Process information.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. How are citizenship ceremonies run across your district, are they just run by council staff, privately organised etc?**

The citizenship ceremonies are run by Council staff.

- 2. Provide a list of all citizenship ceremonies which have taken place in your Council's district over the last 3 calendar years. Alongside each ceremony listed, please also provide the following information relevant to that event:**

- a) The number of people who received their citizenship certification**

29 April 2021	2 (4 2020 COVID-19 Lockdown recipients acknowledged)
27 May 2021	6
24 November 2022	8

- b) The number of council staff who attended the event**

29 April 2021	5
27 May 2021	6
24 November 2022	7

- c) The number of councillors who attended the event**

29 April 2021	11
27 May 2021	11
24 November 2022	10

- d) **The total cost of organising and running the event, costs should include but not be limited to the following: Travel costs, accommodation, staff hours, consulting, venue hire, catering, entertainment, advertising.**

29 April 2021	\$268.37
27 May 2021	\$84.15
24 November 2022	\$521.20

- e) **The location of the citizenship ceremony**

Westland District Council Chambers, 36 Weld St, Hokitika.

- f) **The number of local or central government staff who were not working for your council, but were working for another government authority.**

29 April 2021	None Invited
27 May 2021	None Invited
24 November 2022	None Invited

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

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