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To: [\[redacted\]](#)
Subject: Official Information Request for Citizenship Ceremony Process Ref OIA: 010/23
Date: Wednesday, 1 March 2023 11:29:00 am
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Dear [\[redacted\]](#)

We refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2023 for information relating to citizenship ceremonies held in the Buller district.

The information you have requested is marked in red below:

1. How are citizenship ceremonies run across your district/city, are they just run by council staff, privately organised, etc?
Citizenship ceremonies are organised by one staff member as the number of attendees are generally quite small.
Please note that there were no ceremonies held through 2020 - mid 2021 due to Covid 19 restrictions.
2. Provide a list of all citizenship ceremonies which have taken place in your council's district/city over the last 3 calendar years. Alongside each ceremony listed, please also provide the following information relevant to that event:
Please see table below for the following bullet points:
 - The number of people who received their citizenship certification
 - The number of council staff who attended the event
 - The number of councillors who attended the event
 - The total cost of organising and running the event, costs should include but not be limited to the following: travel costs, accommodation, staff hour, consulting, venue hire, catering, entertainment, advertising
- our estimated costs including staff time, venue hire and related costs is \$3,000.
- Please note that the cost of catering for these ceremonies is funded by the DIA.
 - The location of the citizenship ceremony
 - The number of local or central government staff who were not working for your council, but were working for another govt. authority

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL - CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES - 2019 - 2022

Date	Citizenship Attendees	Council Staff	Elected Members	Location	No. of local or central govt staff working for another govt authority
14-Aug-19	10	6	6	Council Chambers	0
18-Dec-19	6	5	6	Council Chambers	0
14-Jul-21	3	6	6	Council Chambers	0
23-Nov-22	2	5	3	Council Chambers	0
23-Feb-23	5	3	6	Council Chambers	0

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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