

25 August 2022

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RE Official information request ChChD 10934

I refer to your email dated 1 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Waitaha Canterbury. Specifically:

- 1. The number of 'hot meals' purchased by RMOs over the period from July 1 2017 to 1 August 2022 (with a monthly breakdown if possible please – the trend is more what I am after, especially in the most recent 2-3 years and last 6 months).**

I attach as **Appendix 1**, data with explanation of decrease in 2021/2022.

- 2. I was also hoping to find out the cost of production of 'hot meals' throughout this time period also, notably how much each hot meal costs to produce.**

It was not possible to calculate the actual cost of hot meal production as cooks also prepare other meals and the amount of time they spend each day varies. We have collected data with the number of hot meals and the retail charge excluding GST, attached as **Appendix 1**.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,



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Number of RMO hot meal sales at Canterbury Staff Cafes

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*	2022*
Jan		4,091	4,053	4,963	4,476	4,396
Feb		3,851	3,579	4,569	4,471	4,259
Mar		4,419	4,353	4,551	5,171	3,919
Apr		3,913	4,274	3,701	4,435	3,562
May		3,898	4,972	5,165	4,706	3,929
Jun		3,571	4,513	5,506	4,359	3,041
Jul	3,923	3,880	5,062	5,399	4,418	3,421
Aug	4,119	4,203	4,829	4,986	4,389	
Sep	3,849	3,850	5,127	5,681	3,943	
Oct	3,977	4,093	4,893	4,493	4,215	
Nov	3,805	4,359	4,694	4,305	3,515	
Dec	3,603	4,099	4,355	4,743	3,176	

Cost of RMO retail hot meals

(retail price excl GST)

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Number of meals purchased	50,228	57,415	57,225	46,762
Retail price per meal	\$ 7.13	\$ 7.13	\$ 7.13	\$ 10.26
Retail charge for hot meals	\$ 358,125.64	\$ 409,368.95	\$ 408,014.25	\$ 479,778.12

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* There are a number of reasons for the decrease in hot meal numbers in 2021/22

-change to one meal size, large (compared to small and large)

-increase in meal price April 2022

-less hot meals during COVID hospitality restrictions with cold bagged meals being sent to departments (mainly Hillmorton). This was to ensure RMOs were socially distanced when eating.