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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OIA query
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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request – Paul Wood - Cost & Funding

Below is our response to your official information request dated 9 June 2025.

Request	Response
<p>Can you please tell me how much the Selwyn Council is paying Dr Paul Wood to speak on 13 June?</p> <p>What is the rationale is for the council funding this and how much of this is funded by ratepayers?</p> <p>Please explain how this relates to core council business and responsible use of public money.</p>	<p>Thank you for your enquiry regarding Dr. Paul Wood's upcoming visit to Selwyn.</p> <p>Please find below a brief overview of the funding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internal Staff Workshops: The costs for two workshops delivered to Selwyn District Council staff by Dr. Paul Wood are fully covered by an external funding arrangement, so there is no direct cost against Council operating costs. This external funding arrangement makes provision for staff training and capacity building of staff. The two sessions are particularly focusing on psychological wellbeing and leadership in line with the external funding arrangement. \$8,739.98 GST exclusive2. Public Session: The public session with Dr. Paul Wood is funded through the Council's operational costs for events. Tickets are priced at \$5.00 each, with some free tickets available. Additionally, corporate tables at \$100 have also been sold to offset costs, ensuring financial impact on ratepayers is managed with maximum benefit. 280 tickets have already been allocated to date, and Council is delighted at how popular Paul is with residents and members of the public . This approach has allowed the Council to share a valuable opportunity with Selwyn residents while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Council does deliver and meet the costs of delivering a broad range of events for members of the public and Selwyn residents across the year. Different events target different groups, including families, youth, older people, people from different ethnicities and countries. This particular public event is targeting

	working parents in Selwyn. \$4,369.99 GST exclusive
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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 us at oia@selwyn.govt.nz.

Kind regards,
LGOIMA Team
Selwyn District Council
