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Subject: Citizenship Ceremony Process

Original LGOIMA Request: OIA-1160

1. How are citizenship ceremonies run across your district/city, are they just run by council staff, privately organised, etc.?
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:
 - 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 hours, consulting, venue hire, catering, entertainment, advertising
 - 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

Official LGOIMA Response:

1. Citizenship Ceremonies are arranged by The Mayors Executive Assistant.
2. There are two ceremonies each year. Please refer below for dates and numbers that attended.
 - 29 November 2022 – 13 received citizenship certification- 3 council staff – 5 councillors.
 - 20 September 2022 – 10 received citizenship certification - 3 council staff – 5 councillors.
 - 16 August 2021- 10 received citizenship certification - 3 council staff – 5 councillors.
 - 24 May 2021- 21 received citizenship certification - 3 council staff – 5 councillors.
 - 16 November 2020- 10 received citizenship certification - 3 council staff – 6 councillors.
 - 25 February 2020- 20 received citizenship certification - 3 council staff – 6 councillors.

Each ceremony total cost is \$500.00. (rec \$35 per head from Internal Affairs to run Ceremonies)

All ceremonies were held at the Oamaru Opera House accept 16 November 2020 which was held at Te Runanga o Moeraki Marae

No local or central Government staff not working for the council were at these events.