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Request from:	Janna Sherman – Hokitika Guardian
Information requested:	CE Exit package information
Response by:	Scott Baxendale, Acting Chief Executive

15 July 2024

Janna Sherman Hokitika Guardian

Via Email: janna.sherman@hokitikaguardian.co.nz

Dear Janna

Official information request for information regarding any monetary settlement reached with Simon Bastion

I refer to your official information request dated 02 July 2024 for information regarding any monetary settlement reached with Simon Bastion.

We are refusing your request under the following sections:

Section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Section 17(d) that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. Any severance package that may be made would be reported in the Council Annual Report.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at <u>LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz</u>, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive SB/MB