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s.7(2)(a) - protect  
the privacy of  
natural persons  
including dcs'd

Dear s.7(2)  
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### OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR CODE OF CONDUCT COSTS

I refer to your official information request dated 6 August 2021:

What was the total cost for code of conduct process put on Tim Skinner by NCC and would appreciate if costs are broken down

The information we hold in relation to your request is provided below.

An independent investigator was engaged to consider the Code of Conduct complaint received from the mayor relating to Cr Skinner, in line with the process outlined within the Code of Conduct itself. The recommendations from this process were considered by Council at its meeting on 1 July 2021. The charges of the investigator for this matter were \$9,539.93 excluding GST.

Legal advice was provided to elected members on factors to consider when weighing up their ability to participate in the debate on the report with an open mind. The cost for this service was \$3,586.68 excluding GST.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact LGOIMA@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Nícuarta-Smith', written in a cursive style.

**Devorah Nícuarta-Smith**  
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