

**Subject:** RE: Request for official information  
**Date:** Friday, 21 June 2019 at 9:19:00 AM New Zealand Standard Time  
**From:** Michelle Sievwright  
**To:** Luke Redward  
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Good morning Luke

I can confirm that the staff who went to Suqian, China in 2017 were Crs G Lewis, R Amundsen, L Soper, A Crackett, CEO Richard King and Eirwen Harris as a staff exchange member. Venture Southland CEO Paul Casson and Chamber of Commerce Chair Carla Forbes also attended but paid their own way. NZ\$3,000 was taken and \$1,780.45 was returned.

The currency was held by Richard King and went towards taxis, train and a tour of Xian (this tour was reimbursed by individuals).

Kind regards

Michelle



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## Michelle Sievwright

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**From:** Luke Redward <Luke@taxpayers.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 June 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** Michelle Sievwright <Michelle.Siewwright@icc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for official information

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for your email yesterday clarifying.

I am just following up again on this Chinese Currency. Could I please have a list of everyone who attended the trip to the sister city, including councillors, executives, staff and any other people who went. Could I also too have more information on the currency – was it divided up between people or controlled by one person, if it was divided up could I please have information how much was given to each person.

Kind regards,

Luke

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**From:** Michelle Sievwright <Michelle.Siewwright@icc.govt.nz>  
**Date:** Monday, 10 June 2019 at 4:07 PM  
**To:** Luke Redward <Luke@taxpayers.org.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for official information

Good afternoon Luke

The Chinese Currency refers to the Sister City Visit where Chinese currency was purchased for incidentals. No receipts were received. This would happen whenever a sister city visit is arranged.

Kind regards

Michelle

Hi Michelle,

As per our call, could I please have an elaboration on the entry of 16/08/2017 "Chinese Currency" and all receipts that they used this spending money on when in China.

Further, as a separate issue, could I please launch another information request on whether this was a one off, or if there have been any other instances in the past where currency has been purchased.

Regards,

**Luke Redward**

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**From:** Michelle Sievwright <[Michelle.Siewwright@icc.govt.nz](mailto:Michelle.Siewwright@icc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 May 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** Luke Redward <[Luke@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:Luke@taxpayers.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for official information

Good morning Luke

Please find attached the response to your request for information.

Kind regards

Michelle

Dear Mayors,

Please see attached my request for official information.

Kind regards,

**Luke Redward**

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