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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Missing question in sex work rezoning survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Last night I was made aware that the **most controversial question of all** in the Sex Work Rezoning survey was left out entirely from the public results- that is, the public and Council had a false report given. And I was told this only after my final proper Council meeting...

This is on top of me never receiving a report until I followed it up repeatedly and finally with the CEO. I understand that a report was not required in the NOM but it was well established that it be printed on our website and letters be sent to MPs and even that was not done until I followed up.

And on top of the fact that the letters sent to MPs were missing that vital information, I didn't get to speak about that question publicly.

I just don't understand how anyone could expect me not to view this as **politically motivated tampering by staff**.

I am greatly disturbed by this as it reinforces my- as it has repeatedly turned out- well founded fears, that the reports we are given by officers are far too often, not an accurate reflection of the data and do not reflect the elected Councillors given directions.

As I said about 'data' in general, and the practice of disclosing all raw data as an appendix to any report, I view this issue is a fundamentally important one. Councillors simply cannot do their job without being able to have transparent access to data. As it is, the risk of officers improperly influencing (whether on purpose or by accident) our Council by submitting biased/incomplete reports is clearly exacerbated by their practice of refusing to give full data.

I was already told that I'd received the FULL data. But I happened to notice that not all the questions were in it and so asked for a copy of everything. And it took a very long time, all the way until after my last live full meeting of Council in fact, to be told of this.

**I just cannot whitewash this any longer. I am officially putting in a complaint about political interference by staff at MCC.**

Kindest regards,

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