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Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 01:37 p.m.
To: Ratepayers' Report
Subject: RE: Ratepayers' Report 1 Dunedin City Council 2025 – Request for Official Information

Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail below and apologise for the delay in responding. Please find below our response to Questions 1 and 2 for the 2023/24 financial year.

1 Average Residential Rates

A	Total residential rates (\$)	153,462,359
B	Total user charges (\$)	-
C	Number of residential SUIP	51,541
Average residential costs (\$)		2,977.48

2 Average non-residential costs

A	Total non-residential rates (\$)	81,276,818
B	Total user charges (\$)	-
C	Number of non-residential accounts	6,640
Average non-residential costs (\$)		12,240.48

Kā mihi

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From: Ratepayers' Report <ratepayers.report@taxpayers.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2025 3:36 p.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Ratepayers' Report 1 Dunedin City Council 2025 – Request for Official Information

Hi Dunedin City Council

The Taxpayers' Union is in the process of preparing the 2025 Ratepayers' Report for the 2023/24 financial year. This is the request number 1 of 2.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable.

I request the following information for the **2023/24 Financial Year**:

1. *Average residential rates*

- The **average (mean) residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (A + B) / C**. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **A** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST);
 - **B** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and
 - **C** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing).

2. *Average non-residential rates*

- The average **non-residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;
 - **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and
 - **Z** is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** (inclusive GST) non-residential rates payment for the council.

***Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.**

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on your council. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in being able to assemble or provide some of the information requested, please provide the rest of the information as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessarily printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence to ratepayers.report@taxpayers.org.nz. Please include the following reference in the subject line – **Ratepayers' Report 1 Dunedin City Council 2025.**

If you have any questions, please reply directly to this email. We expect a response within twenty working days.

Regards,



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