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Subject: LGOIMA request - Average residential rates and development contributions
Date: Wednesday, 5 August 2015 11:01:01 a.m.

Dear Jordan,

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2015 requesting information about average residential rates costs and development contributions.

Referring to question 4.c. in your request we take the sentence to mean the total amount of development contributions **charged** rather than changed in 2013/14. Please confirm this is the case.

We also seek clarification of the meaning of "charged" within this question.

Development contributions are assessed, then invoiced, then paid by the developer.

Please clarify that by charged you mean "assessed" i.e. a consent has been granted and the applicant has been told the quantum of development contributions they will have to pay.

The Dunedin City Council issues invoices for development contributions at different times in different circumstances, and this can be up to several years after they have been assessed. For example invoices for development contributions for Land Use Consents are issued when the land use begins to be enacted. Invoices for development contributions attaching to building consents are issued when a Code of Compliance Certificate is requested.

Additionally sometimes consents are lodged in one financial year and a decision on granting the consent is made in the next financial year. If you are wanting to know the total amount of development contributions assessed in 2013-14, please clarify whether that total is for:

- All consents lodged in 2013-14
- All consents decided in 2013-14
- Consents lodged and decided in 2013-14

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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