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**From:** Arlene Goss  
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**Cc:** Graham McKerracher  
**Subject:** Response to official information request

Vaughan Elder  
Otago Daily Times  
By email: [vaughan.elder@odt.co.nz](mailto:vaughan.elder@odt.co.nz)

Dear Mr Elder,

**Official information request for information about GEESE WATSON PARK**

I refer to your official information request dated 16-August-2016 for the costs of removing geese from Watson Park, Dunedin.

The information you have requested is in red below.

1. The total cost associated with getting rid of geese from Watson Park, including:

**TOTAL COST = \$6,799.32**

**Includes:**

- Sportsfield tidy up (i.e. picking up goose droppings) = \$1,427.02
- Relocation attempt costs and volunteer support = \$2,423.70 (42.50 hours, cost includes veterinary fee of \$335.10)
- Culling cost = \$2,948.60 (60 hours)

2. The amount paid to cull the geese, including the spend on security guards to stop people from wandering into the area while the geese were being shot.

**\$2,948.60 (60 hours) included in the total above. Security guards were not contracted. The pest control contractor used some of their staff as spotters.**

3. The amount spent on the attempts to move the geese.

**Relocation costs = \$2,423.70 (42.50 hours, cost includes veterinary fee of \$335.10) included in the total above. Part of the cost of the relocation was to support volunteers - no breakdown is available for this.**

4. Separately I would like any reports on the work done by contractors relating to the geese.

**No reports were commissioned.**

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact Tom Dyer, Parks and Recreation Group.

Yours sincerely  
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