

1 March 2018

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Dear Mr Wright-McNaughton

**Local Government Official Information and Meeting Request (LGOIMA) for information about average residential rates and staffing and remuneration**

I am writing in response to your official information request made on of 10 January 2018. Set out below are responses to your information requests.

**Request 1 (a) - the average residential costs of rates and other Council charges for the 2016/17 financial year**

The average residential rates for the 2016/17 year was \$1,994, with X = \$97,949,136, Y = nil and Z = 49,119.

**Request 1 (b) - a list of the types of rates, user charges and levies used to calculate each of the figures above**

The following apply:

General rate, community services rate, drainage rate, water rate, kerbside recycling rate, warm Dunedin, private street lighting and fire protection.

**Request 2 – for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years: the total number of ratepayers served by the Council; and the number of residential ratepayers served by the Council.**

Total number of ratepayers

2015-16	55,282
2016-17	55,238

Number of residential ratepayers

2015-16	48,837
2016-17	49,119

**Request 3 – as of 1 January 2018: the FTE number of core council staff employed at the Council; the FTE number of “group” staff (i.e. including those employed by council controlled organisations) employed at the Council; the total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance during the last 12 months; the total number of staff (including those employed by CCO’s) receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000; and the total number of staff (including those employed by CCO’s) receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000**

We can provide the details as at 1 January 2018, but note that this will take some time to compile. If you wish to refine your request to the financial year end of 30/06/17, we can provide this information in a timely manner.

No staff have been dismissed due to poor performance during the last 12 months.

**Request 4 – as of 1 January 2018: confirmation of whether there is an election year protocol which requires staff to act in a politically neutral manner; if so, the specific wording of the protocol(s); confirmation of whether there is a year-round code of conduct which requires Council staff to act in a politically neutral manner; and if so, the specific wording of the provision(s)**

I advise that there is neither an election year protocol or a year round code of conduct.

**Request 5 – for the 2016/17 financial year: the number of staff employed by the Mayor's Office; total personnel expenses of the Mayor's Office; and a list of job titles for each position (declaring which positions are vacant and which are currently filled) in the Mayor's Office, including the number of staff in each position.**

We note that the 'Mayor's Office' does not employ staff, but advise that the Council provides two staff members supporting this office.

**Request 6 – the total remuneration paid to the Council's Chief Executive during the 2016/17 financial year.**

As disclosed in our 2016/17 Annual Report, the total remuneration paid to the Chief Executive was:

349,192	Salary
21,489	Backpay (for period from November 2013 to June 2017)
11,120	Kiwisaver
2,646	Use of vehicle
<b>384,447</b>	<b>Total per 2016-17 Annual Report</b>

**Request 7 – the total remuneration paid to the Council's Mayor during the 2016/17 financial year; the average annual remuneration of the Councillors in the 2016/17 financial year; and the total number of elected officials at the Council.**

The Mayors remuneration totalled \$146,732 for the year. The Council has 14 Councillors plus the Mayor. The average annual remuneration of the Councillors including the Deputy Mayor was \$64,475.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Murray  
**Governance Support Officer**