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New Zealand Taxpayers Union
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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your letter 8 March requesting the following information for the 2021 Ratepayer's Report for the 2019/20 year.

1. Average residential rates

Average residential rates as follows for 2019/20:

x	Total residential rates	115,831,062
y	Total user charges	0
z	Number of residential rating units (SUIP)	50,094
	Average residential costs	2,312

2 Average non-residential rates

Average non-residential rates for 2019/20:

x	Total non-residential rates	64,386,588
y	Total user charges	0
z	Number of non-residential rating units	6,276
	Average non-residential costs	10,259

3 Personnel

- The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.

There has been no staff dismissed due to poor performance.

- If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations.

The total number of staff employed by CCO's is: 764.12

- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.

DCC	131
CCO's	216
Total	347

- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.

DCC	10
CCO's	16
Total	26

Note: this information is contained in the Annual report and the salary bands are as follows:

\$180,000 to \$279,999	8
\$280,000 to \$439,999	2

4 Audit and Risk Oversight

- How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?

6

- Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?

Yes

- Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?

Yes

- Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?

Yes

- Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?

Yes

- Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?

Yes

5 Payments to third parties

- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST.

DCC	\$102,243.63
CCO's	\$19,121.26
Total	\$121,364.89

- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST.

DCC	\$117,795.73
CCO's	\$0

- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), including GST.

DCC	\$48,058.03
CCO's	\$0

I trust this answers your questions. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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