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Dear Monique

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 request

I refer to your e-mail of 28 August 2020 requesting the following information.

1. Average residential cost for the 2018/19 financial year

a. The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average 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) charged by the Council to residential rating units;
- Y 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
- Z 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)

Please exclude any amounts that are collected in behalf of a Regional Council.

Please find below a table providing the information requested.

X	Total residential rates	\$109,708,277
Y	Total user charges	0
Z	Number of residential rating units (SUIP)	49,693
	Average residential costs	\$2,208

b A list of the types of rates, user charges and levies used to calculate each of the figures above.

All rate codes charged to residential properties	Basis
General Rate	Capital Value
Community Services	SUIP
Kerbside Recycling	SUIP
Water Connected	SUIP
Water Serviceable	SUIP
Fire Protection Water Rate	SUIP

Residential Institution Fire Protection	Capital Value
Drainage Connected	SUIP
Drainage Serviceable	SUIP
Residential Institution Capital Value Drainage	Capital Value
Warm Dunedin	Rating Unit
Private Street Lighting Charge	Street Light
Allanton Drainage 2012-2031	Rating Unit
Blanket Bay Drainage 2013-2032	Rating Unit
Curles Point Drainage 2013- 2032	Rating Unit

An Average residential rate account	Basis
General Rate	Capital Value
Community Services	SUIP
Kerbside Recycling	SUIP
Water Connected	SUIP
Drainage Connected	SUIP

2 **Average Residential Costs (Regional Councils)**

The Council does not collect rates on behalf of the Otago Regional Council.

3. **Rating units:**

a. The total number of rating units within the Council's district or city.

The total number of rating units is 56,217

b. The total number of residential rating units (however defined by the council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a definition for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban, lifestyle, or similar).

The number of residential rating units is 49,693

c. For each Regional Council that your authority falls under, please separately disclose the number of ratings units and residential rating units

The Council does not hold this information as we do not collect rates for the Otago Regional Council.

Yours faithfully



Jennifer Lapham
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