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Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2023 04:01 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz'
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request - Expenditure on mayoral/council cars [#10DC16F]

Importance: High

Kia Ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your request below. Our response is below each of your questions.

Kā mihi

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz

Sent: Friday, 10 March 2023 02:42:41 p.m.

To:

Subject: Expenditure on mayoral/council cars

This is a request for Official Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act of 1987 in relation to expenditure on mayoral/council cars

We request the following information:

- How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?

The Mayor does not have or uses a council vehicle.

- How many cars does your council own that are used by the Chief executive?

The CEO is not supplied with a Council vehicle. If the CEO wishes to use a fleet vehicle for Council business – i.e to travel to a meeting, she books a vehicle from the fleet in the same way as any other member of staff.

- How many cars are owned that are to be used by any other members of the council's executive leadership?

Members of the executive are not supplied with a Council vehicle. If they wish to use a fleet vehicle for Council business – i.e. to travel to a meeting, they book a vehicle from the fleet in the same way as any other member of staff.

- How many times has the council rented cars for any elected members in the year to date?

To the best of our knowledge we have not rented cars for any elected members in the year to date.

- What are the costs of purchasing, leasing, maintenance, fuel or any other related costs of each of the aforementioned answers?

There are no costs except for the regular costs associated with running a pool of vehicles.

The Council has fleet vehicles that are available to be booked by members of staff including the Executive. We could go through vehicle logs for the entire fleet to locate how often members of the Executive Leadership Team used fleet cars but this would be considerable work. We are thinking that you are seeing if senior leaders are supplied with vehicles as part of their roles and in all cases, the answer is they are not.

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.

In any place where possible, data that can be presented in an excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation e.g. PDF. To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this email address. Please refer to "expenditure on mayoral cars" in the subject line.

Best,

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