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Dear Laura

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request**

I refer to your e-mail of 6 March requesting information relating to kerbside collection and recycling. Response to your questions are set out below.

- 1 *The total tonnage of recycling collected from kerbside collection each financial year for the past five years.*

Year	Total Tonnes of Recycling Sold (Glass and Comingled) tonnes	Total Contamination tonnes
2013	9,049.13	1,153.47
2014	8,653.58	1,409.69
2015	8,216.81	1,528.07
2016	8,025.16	1,769.88
2017	7,414.97	1,830.10

- 2 *The total amount of that kerbside collection sent to landfill due to contamination each financial year for the past five years.*

Please refer to the table above – 'Total Contamination'.

- 3 *How much does contaminated recycling cost the council each year (broken down into the last five financial years)?*

Please see the table below. The cost is calculated as the total contamination tonnage x the landfill gate charge for general solid waste. The gate rate has increased from \$80/tonne in 2013/14 to \$171/tonne in 2017/18.

Year	Cost
2013/14	\$92,277.60
2014/15	\$183,259.70
2015/16	\$206,289.45
2016/17	\$270,791.64
2017/18	\$312,947.10

4      *How much has the council spent on recycling generally in the past five financial years?*

The Council has spent approximately \$12.5 million on recycling in the past 5 years.

5      *The amount of waste in tonnes that has gone into your landfill (not recycling) in the past five financial years, broken into years.*

Sum of Product Groups to Landfill (excluding Daily Cover) per year	
Year	Tonnes
2013	48,450
2014	46,317
2015	47,599
2016	51,915
2017	71,293

I trust this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely



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