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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to Official Information request - How are dog registration fees used?
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Attachments: [Statement of Financial Performance Animal Control and summary.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam

This email is our response to your Local Government Information and Meetings Act request, received on 27 August 2019, which I have restated below for clarity:

For the 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 financial/reporting years the documentation recording income and expenditure for:

- Dog Control activities authorised by the Dog Control Act (including sources of money received under the Dog Control Act and income from general rate-payer contributions.)
- General "Animal Control" activities (that are not dog-related)
- The income and expenditure projections for the current financial/reporting year, for both activities.

Attached please find a Statement of Financial Performance for the Animal Control Business Unit for the years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/2020 which provides a breakdown of the revenue and expenditure and general Animal Control activities.

I regard to the example your provided of the “[free compostable poo bags for Dunedin dog walkers](#)” (ODT article). Please be advised that Under section 4(a)(iii) of the Dog Control Act 1996 it states that one of the objects of this Act is to make better provision for the care and control of dogs by imposing on the owners of dogs, obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not cause a nuisance to any person and do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any person. By providing dog owners with compostable poo bags (at no additional charge to the registration fee) we are encouraging dog owners to be responsible and pick up after their dogs (thereby not creating a nuisance). We acknowledge that the bags are not ‘free’ in that there’s a cost, and in the future we will note that there is no extra cost for the bags (over and above registration fees) rather than stating that they are free.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours faithfully

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Statement of Financial Performance						
Animal Control						
Business Unit 590112						
	Actual				Budget	
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
Revenue						
Rates Funding	(297,000)	(307,404)	(177,900)	(289,104)	(213,700)	Animal Services funding policy allows for 20% rates funding /revenue and 80% funding/revenue from dog registrations
External Revenue						Dog registrations, infringements, impounding fees, court fines, collars & leads, Kennel & Responsible Owner license fees, microchips, late registration penalties
External Revenue (Stock)	(1,288,464)	(1,349,002)	(1,397,093)	(1,425,443)	(1,415,700)	Impounding fees and NZTA payments for stock work on highways
	(2,085)	(2,611)	(1,052)	(961)	(1,100)	Grant from Department of Internal Affairs to offer free nuetering to owners of menacing and dangerous dogs.
Grants		(2,609)	(6,370)	(978)		
Total Revenue	(1,587,549)	(1,661,625)	(1,582,415)	(1,716,485)	(1,630,500)	
Expenditure						
Personnel Costs (Dogs)	571,166	626,936	711,120	647,160	554,680	
Personnel Costs (Stock)	11,656	12,795	14,513	13,207	11,320	
						Microchips, signage, registration discs, vet services, dog pound, laboratory services, office furniture, radio telephones, vehicles, National Dog Database, dead dog refunds, court costs,
Operational Costs (Dogs)	1,012,822	1,054,731	857,163	1,035,575	1,037,722	Maintenance of pound
Operational Costs (Stock)	20,670	32,412	17,493	21,134	21,178	
Total Expenditure	1,616,314	1,726,874	1,600,288	1,717,077	1,624,900	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(28,765)	(65,248)	(17,873)	(591)	5,600	
Other Structures Mtce (Stock)	-	10,669		-		Stock Pound - fencing and maintenance
Maintenance Contracts (Dogs)	3041	2585	7535		4000	Dog parks on-going maintenance - mowing, agility areas, fencing
Capital Expenditure (Dogs)	4400	6965		1916		Dog Parks - new small dog parks, and solar lighting installation
Capital Expenditure (Stock)				6987		New pig pen enclosure within the stock pound & trailer to transport stock