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Dear Pauline

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – PARKS AND RECREATION BROCHURES

I am writing in response to your email of 6 June 2019 requesting information on the pamphlets produced about “on leash” and “off leash” access for dogs. Your request referred to Bethunes Gully as an example. I have provided below the response to your questions:

**(a) Why the pamphlets have been amended to provide incorrect information.**

The pamphlet information about dog leash restrictions at Bethunes Gully is correct. The map indicates the areas for on and off-leash for dogs. In this case the track goes through the picnic area/playground (which is a Bylaw requirement for dogs to be on leash). The issue with Bethunes Gully, in particular is that the track goes through the picnic area/playground to provide access to the rest of the park. The “on-leash” restriction only applies within the picnic/playground area and once back on the track allows for “off leash”.

The off leash and on leash areas are identified on the DCC website which provides the maps for the Dog Control Bylaw 2016, available at the link below:

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/policies,-plans-and-strategies/bylaws/dog-control-bylaw>.

An overview map (Schedule E of the Dog Control Bylaw 2016) for the city is available at

[https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/550527/Bylaw-2016-maps-1-to-35v2.pdf](https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/550527/Bylaw-2016-maps-1-to-35v2.pdf)

**(b) How many amended pamphlets have been produced, and how many distributed to date.**

**(c) The costs of producing the amended pamphlets.**

I advise that we are unable to provide the exact number of pamphlets produced specific to the on/off leash areas, or the cost, as pamphlet/brochures are not printed individually but in bulk print runs with other publications. We therefore decline this request pursuant to Section 17(f) *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research* of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**(d) Whether the associated costs have been funded from money received under the Dog Control Act 1996, and if so, what proportion of the costs were funded from that revenue.**

The brochures are funded through the Parks and Recreation department budgets and not from revenue received under the Dog Control Act.

As some of your information request has been declined you are advised that you have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint> or phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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