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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information OIA 2019-349

I refer to your email dated 29 October 2019 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) on 29 October 2019. You have requested the following information following GWRC's response to your request for information OIA 2019-325:

“If the GWRC is unable to provide the individual line-by-line WBS Code costs for PTOM bus and train units as outlined in the budget spreadsheets, then can the GWRC please still provide the total cost per PTOM unit as outlined in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Annual Plan and Farebox Recovery Ratio calculation spreadsheets ?

A) Can the following be provided from the 2018/19 Long Term Rates spreadsheets for sheet covering the FY18 - FY27 (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/7104-request-for-the-detailed-transport-rate-calculations-outlined-in-the-gwrc-2018-19-annual-plan#incoming-26104>):

A1) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for the Ferry Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Ferry-Contract + Ferry-Inflation

A2) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for each bus unit (1 to 18) WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Unit Base Service Fee + Indexation Payment + Special Event Services Fee + Performance incentives

A3) The total cost of the all the FINANCE LEASE ADJUSTMENT amounts for all bus units where this is a cost component

A4) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for the Rail Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Rail Contract - Passenger Services Fee + Rail Contract - Special Events Fee + Rail Contract - Alternative Transport Unplanned Fee + Rail Contract - Punctuality Deduction + Rail Contract - Reliability Deductions + Rail Contract - Customer Satisfaction Payment + Rail Contract - Passenger Performance Payment

A5) The cost of W.564/8282/10 Rail Contract - Vehicle Service Fee



B) Can the following be provided from the 2018/19 Farebox Recovery Ratio calculation spreadsheet (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/7152-request-for-fare-review-information-under-the-long-term-plan#incoming-24514>):

B1) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" for the Ferry Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Ferry-Contract + Ferry-Inflation

B2) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" for each bus unit (1 to 18) WBS amounts Codes being the total of the Unit Base Service Fee + Indexation Payment + Special Event Services Fee + Performance incentives

B3) The cost of W.560/1817/01 DAU outcome - Bus contracts

B4) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" amounts for the Rail Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Rail Contract - Passenger Services Fee + Rail Contract - Special Events Fee + Rail Contract - Alternative Transport Unplanned Fee + Rail Contract - Punctuality Deduction + Rail Contract - Reliability Deductions + Rail Contract - Customer Satisfaction Payment + Rail Contract - Passenger Performance Payment

B5) The cost of W.564/8282/10 Rail Contract - Vehicle Service Fee

C) Can the following be provided from the 2019/20 2019/20 Transport Rates spreadsheets for sheet (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/9496-request-for-the-detailed-transport-rate-calculations-outlined-in-the-gwrc-2019-20-annual-plan#incoming-33991>):

C1) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for the Ferry Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Ferry-Contract + Ferry-Inflation

C2) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for each bus unit (1 to 18) WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Unit Base Service Fee + Indexation Payment + Special Event Services Fee + Performance abatements + Performance incentives

C3) Total of the "TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE" for the Rail Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Rail Contract - Passenger Services Fee + Rail Contract - Special Events Fee + Rail Contract - Alternative Transport Unplanned Fee + Rail Contract - Punctuality Deduction + Rail Contract - Reliability Deductions + Rail Contract - Customer Satisfaction Payment + Rail Contract - Passenger Performance Payment

C4) The cost of W.564/8282/10 Rail Contract - Vehicle Service Fee

D) Can the following be provided from the 2019/20 Farebox Recovery Ratio calculation spreadsheet (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/9727-second-request-for-fare-review-information-under-the-2019-20-annual-plan#incoming-33280>):

D1) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" for the Ferry Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Ferry-Contract + Ferry-Inflation

D2) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" for each bus unit (1 to 18) WBS amounts Codes being the total of the Unit Base Service Fee + Indexation Payment + Special Event Services Fee + Performance incentives

D3) Total of the "Current Year Inflated" amounts for the Rail Contract WBS Codes amounts being the total of the Rail Contract - Passenger Services Fee + Rail Contract - Special Events Fee + Rail Contract - Alternative Transport Unplanned Fee + Rail Contract - Punctuality Deduction + Rail Contract - Reliability Deductions + Rail Contract - Customer Satisfaction Payment + Rail Contract - Passenger Performance Payment

D4) The total of W.564/2102/32 Rail Contract - FIM Adjustment

D5) The total of W.564/2102/32 Rail Contract - Locomotive Hire

D6) The total of W.564/2110/4 Rail - Network Performance Fees

D7) The total of W.560/8200/7 Rail Contract - Fleet Availability Payment

D8) The cost of W.564/8282/10 Rail Contract - Vehicle Service Fee”

In your email dated 31 October 2019, you have further clarified your request for information as follows:

“Please note that my response does NOT constitute a further information request under LGOIMA. In fact I am really asking for less information than I originally requested.

The information I requested has NOT changed from my original request. I have simply clarified that I am happy to receive the total costs given the GWRC refusal to provide the line by line detailed costs. I do so in an effort to still obtain the information I still seek but in a way that enables to GWRC to protect the information it wishes to withhold.”

GWRC’s response follows:

Attachment 1 provides the projections of total operating expenditures for bus, ferry and rail units and finance lease adjustments for 2018/19 to 2027/28, as contained in the sources of the redacted spreadsheets we have provided to your following requests for information:

OIA 2018-014 <https://fyi.org.nz/request/7152-request-for-fare-review-information-under-the-long-term-plan#incoming-24514>

OIA 2019-073 <https://fyi.org.nz/request/9727-second-request-for-fare-review-information-under-the-2019-20-annual-plan#incoming-33280>

OIA 2018-096 <https://fyi.org.nz/request/7104-request-for-the-detailed-transport-rate-calculations-outlined-in-the-gwrc-2018-19-annual-plan#incoming-26104>

We have yet to process the information contained in the redacted spreadsheet provided to you as part of our response to your request referenced OIA 2019-026 (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/9496-request-for-the-detailed-transport-rate-calculations-outlined-in-the-gwrc-2019-20-annual-plan#incoming-33991>), and will provide you with the information as soon as practicable.

The financial lease adjustment information that you have requested under line item A3) is already contained in column 'k' of the spreadsheet provided to you in response to your OIA 2018-096. The information for individual cost items that you have requested under the line items D4) and D5) are included in the total rail unit cost.

The bus unit costs include Base Service Fee, Indexation Payment, Special Event Services Fee and Performance Incentives.

The total amounts for rail unit include Passenger Services Fee, Special Events Fee, Alternative Transport Unplanned Fee, Punctuality and Reliability Deductions, Customer Satisfaction Payment, Passenger Performance Payment, FIM Adjustment (where applicable), Locomotive Hire, Fleet Availability Payment (where applicable), Vehicle Service Fee and Contract Payment (where applicable).

Please note that where a WBS code or a cost item is missing in a spreadsheet, that item had either become obsolete (i.e. no longer in use) or not budgeted for, and hence not included. Therefore absence of a cost item in a spreadsheet does not mean the information is incomplete.

The information for individual cost items that you have requested under the following line numbers cannot be released. This information has been withheld in accordance with sections 7(2)(b)(i), 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the ground that releasing the requested information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the operators who are the subject of the information and would be likely to unduly undermine GWRC's ability to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage for future procurements.

A5), B5) C4) and D8) The cost of W.564/8282/10 Rail Contract - Vehicle Service Fee – this item is part of the rail contract and hence the values are included in the rail totals.

B3) The cost of W.560/1817/01 DAU outcome - Bus contracts – this is a one-off cost part of the spending under the bus tender process.

D4) The total of W.564/2102/32 Rail Contract - FIM Adjustment – this information is subject to an obligation of confidence under the current partnering contracts and cannot be released. Where applicable, FIM payments are included in the total contract costs.

D6) The total of W.564/2110/4 Rail - Network Performance Fees – this information is subject to an obligation of confidence under the current network agreement and cannot be released.

Please also note that the values contained in Attachment 1 for the years 2018 to 2020 are not current. Therefore, GWRC does not accept any responsibility or liability for any action taken or omission made as a result of reliance placed on the information contained in the attached spreadsheet.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs GWRC's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs GWRC's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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