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Dear Mr Bodnar

Request for information 2013/125

I refer to your request for information dated 20 September 2013, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 20 September 2013. You have requested the following information:

"With the annual fare increase about to come into effect, I would like to know more about the farebox recovery ratio calculations. The press release issued on 17 Sept 2013 suggests a target of 55%, while maintaining that there is a policy of fare increases of 3%/year, implying that operating costs are increasing at a similar rate.

For completeness, I would like to see

- 1) The farebox recovery ratio
- 2) The total operating costs attributed to running the public transport network
- 3) Total revenue from fares collected
- 4) Total subsidies from GWRC
- 5) Total subsidies from NZTA

Over the past five years and projected amounts for 2013-2014."

GWRC's response follows.

The farebox recovery ratio for the years 2010/11 and 2011/12 is supplied along with a projection for 2013/14 (**Attachment 1**). The farebox recovery ratio was not calculated for the years prior to 2010/11, and 2012/13 has yet to be calculated, therefore this part of your request has been refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the ground that this information does not exist.

The total operating costs attributed to running the network for the years 2008/09 - 2012/13 are supplied along with a projection for 2013/14 (**Attachment 2**). Please note that on the last two pages of Attachment 2 the period ended is actually 30 June 2014, not 31 August 2013.

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Total revenue from fares for the years 2008/9 - 2012/13 are supplied (**Attachment 3**). Projected fare revenue for the 2013/14 year is included in Attachment 1 (final page).

Information pertaining to subsidies from GWRC and NZTA for the years 2008/9 - 2012/13, and a projection for 2013/14, are supplied (**Attachment 2**). The costs to, and the payments from, GWRC are shown in this attachment. The revenue that GWRC receives from NZTA is detailed on the same attachment.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely

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