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Dear Andrew

**INFORMATION REQUEST – Tauranga City Councils eligibility to apply for the Covid-19 wage subsidy - Follow-up Questions**

We write in response to your phone call of 25 September 2019 and email of 1 October 2020 in which you requested the following information further to our 8 and 10 September responses to you.

25 September 2020:

- 1. How much revenue was there from rates in April 2019 and April 2020?**
- 2. How much from rates was applied to the Covid-19 wage subsidy calculation?**

1 October 2020:

- 3. Please provide the rates amount included in the summary previously provided for April 2019 and April 2020.**

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows.

As clarified with you in a phone call on 2 October 2020, the analysis for April 2019 and April 2020 was carried out on a cashflow basis, based on all cash received transactions in both periods. This means that the total of the cash received in April 2019 was compared to the total cash received in April 2020.

As discussed, rates were included in the totals for cash transactions received during both periods, however the exact amount was not recorded. Rates payments, along with lease payments, water bill payments, dog fine payments and other payments together formed the totals for cash revenue received.

As confirmed with you in a call on 12 October 2020, this clarification satisfactorily addresses your questions and a breakdown of exactly how much rates cash was received in each period, which would involve an analysis of several tens of thousands of payments, is not required.

If any aspect of the wage subsidy calculation remains unclear, please feel free to get in touch again

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

We are now publishing our responses on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours sincerely

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