

By email

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Dear Mr Gent

Request for information 2014/16

I refer to your request for information dated 7 February 2014, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council on 7 February 2014. You have requested the following information:

“Please could you give an update on progress on integrated ticketing for public transport in the Wellington region.

Including any advice or communications for the previous 12 months on this subject:

Internally between officials, and officials and councillors;

Between the council and NZTA / MOT officials;

Between the council and tranzmetro;

Between the council and Infratril (and its subsidiaries - SnapperServices, Go Wellington and Valley Flyer)

Between the council and Mana coach services / Newlands busses.”

Background

The information you have requested would take considerable time to collate as it is for a very large quantity of information that will have to be obtained from at least 18 staff and councillors and covers a substantial time-period (12 months). It is estimated that it will take more than 18 hours of Greater Wellington Regional Council staff time to collate the relevant information. Additional time on top of the 18 hours will need to be spent preparing the documents that are to be released. This process includes printing, photocopying and reviewing, and in some instances may also include redacting certain information that we elect to withhold in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). Officers estimate that it will take more than

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40 hours of Greater Wellington Regional Council staff time to prepare a response to your request as it currently stands.

Request for specificity

As your request currently stands, Greater Wellington Regional Council would be likely to refuse it in accordance with section 17(f) of the Act on the basis that the information which you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

Greater Wellington Regional Council has considered whether imposing a charge or seeking a time extension would enable us to process your request. However, we consider the time estimated to be involved in processing your request to be so great that neither charging nor seeking a time extension would enable us to process your request in a manner that would avoid an adverse impact on Greater Wellington Regional Council's operations.

In order to provide you information under the Act we request that you be more specific about the information which you require.

Greater Wellington Regional Council invites you to provide us with a refined request. Please send any refined request to Jared Humm – email: jared.humm@gw.govt.nz or telephone: 04 830 4310.

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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