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Tony Randle

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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information 2021-126

I refer to your request for information dated 23 May 2021, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 23 May 2021. You have requested the following:

"For each PTOM unit for Greater Wellington public transport services, can the GWRC please provide:

- 1) The patronage data for the unit*
- 2) The data that shows the extent to which the unit is subsidised"*

Greater Wellington's response follows:

- 1) The patronage data for the unit*

As requested, please refer to **Attachment 1** which provides an Excel file containing a complete breakdown of the patronage of bus Units per month since the implementation of the Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) in July 2018. The data is the latest processed information available in Greater Wellington's database.

- 2) The data that shows the extent to which the unit is subsidised*

As requested, please refer to **Attachment 2** which provides an Excel file containing a complete breakdown of the subsidies received by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) per month since the implementation of the PTOM in July 2018. The data is the latest processed information available in Greater Wellington's database.

Waka Kotahi currently subsidises 51% of the net cost of Greater Wellington's Public Transport programme, which is determined the Funding Assistance Rate (FAR). To clarify, Waka Kotahi cover 51% of the costs after they have been netted against fare revenue. As a general rule, fare revenue is sufficient to cover one third of the cost of the programme, and the remaining two-thirds of the cost are split 51% by Waka Kotahi and 49% by Greater Wellington. For more information on the Funding Assistance Rate, I encourage you to view the Waka Kotahi website.

Funding Assistance Rate: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/funding-assistance-rate/>

I hope you find the provided information helpful.

If you have any concerns with the information 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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Attachments (2)