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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Telco Infrastructure

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2023. Your specific request and our response are set out below.

1. *What is the total number of tower/ pole/ light or building mounted sites that are currently in operation on land controlled by Auckland Council.*

10 on Tātaki Auckland Unlimited sites
45 on Eke Panuku sites

2. *How many new sites proposed for Auckland Council land that are not yet in operation is Auckland Council aware of/ have applications for.*

1 (one) for East Stand at Mt Smart Stadium

3. *How many existing sites have upgrade applications or notifications in with Council.*

0 (Zero) Currently

4. *How long is the lease term for existing sites and what is the average lease fee/ administration fee per site.*

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited sites (10)

Facility Name	Lessee	Lease Start Date	Lease renewal due
Mt Smart Stadium	Spark New Zealand Trading Ltd - MSS	31/10/2014	30/10/2020
Mt Smart Stadium	Kordia Limited	01/04/2017	31/03/2022
Mt Smart Stadium	Vodafone New Zealand Ltd C/- Colliers International	28/07/2015	27/07/2025
New Zealand Maritime Museum	Spark	01/08/2014	28/02/2027
New Zealand Maritime Museum	Vodafone NZ Ltd	15/02/2017	31/03/2027
North Harbour Stadium	Spark New Zealand Trading Ltd - NHS	01/06/2018	31/05/2024
North Harbour Stadium	Kordia Limited	01/04/2018	31/03/2023

North Harbour Stadium	Vodafone New Zealand Ltd C/- Colliers International	01/03/2019	24/02/2024
Western Springs Stadium	Spark New Zealand Trading Ltd - WSS	01/09/2015	31/08/2021
Western Springs Stadium	Vodafone New Zealand Ltd C/- Colliers International	28/07/2015	27/07/2025

TAU's lease 'initial' terms are mostly between 4-6 years, though some agreements are for 10 years. The leases with shorter terms generally have renewal clauses which allows the parties to extend the leases once or twice more, typically for the same 'initial' duration.

The fee information is commercially sensitive. TAU has only 4 sites with a telco cellular antennas or satellite on floodlight poles, therefore disclosing even the average fee may potentially jeopardise any future lease negotiations with the suppliers.

Eke Panuku Sites (45)

The term of Eke Panuku managed telecommunications licences range from 3 months to 30 years, typically with initial terms of 4-6 years with several rights of renewal of similar term. In many cases these are the terms granted by the previous owner of the site and inherited by Eke Panuku when the site was purchased.

New telecommunication licences negotiated by Eke Panuku will generally have terms of 5 years with no rights of renewal, with some variation if required for site specific circumstances.

The range of fees for the 45 Eke Panuku telco sites is \$0 to \$28,400 + GST per annum.

The average fee for the 45 Eke Panuku telco sites is \$10,148.80.

Decisions relating to the information contained in this response (q's 1-4) was made by **Paul Tyler, General Manager Property**, for **Tātaki Auckland Unlimited** sites, and **a senior manager with the delegated authority from the Chief Executive of Eke Panuku**.

5. *How many proposed tower/ pole/ light/ building mounted site proposals or installation designs have been modified by Auckland Council. Please include the details of the initial proposed locations or designs and the final locations or designs as put forward by Auckland Council.*

We are unable to respond to this portion of the request under Section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, where the information requested does not exist.

6. *Was there any design review process to optimise the look of the tower/ pole/ streetlight and building mounted towers to minimise the impact on visual amenity. If so can you please provide the details of this process, and explain how the current grey cylinder look was decided upon.*

We are unaware of who designed the 'current grey cylinder' and there is no set Auckland Council review process. In the majority of cases, the telcos were in place on the land when the land was purchased by Auckland Council

7. *What affected party notification process does the Council undertake in relation to sites on land controlled by it, or sites on land controlled by a CCO or private landowner i.e., Notification of Councillor/ Local Board/ Resident or Ratepayer. Please provide details of this.*

The is no set notification process. As mentioned above most of the telco installation existed on the land prior to Auckland Council purchasing the property or the property is otherwise transferred to Eke Panuku.

The decision by **Eke Panuku** to release the information contained in this response (q's 5-7) was made by **a senior manager with the delegated authority from the Chief Executive of Eke Panuku.**

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140011887.

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