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Tēnā koe Andrew

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about the Whakatāne Airport financial and operation budgets specifically:

- **If it is correct that the Whakatāne District Council owns 50% of the airport and bears 50% of any costs?**

Yes, the Whakatāne District Council has a 50/50 joint venture partnership with the Ministry of Transport on most airport operations.

- **The annual costs and full operating costs borne by Whakatane District council/central government over the past three years.**

I have attached a spreadsheet showing the Whakatāne Airport operating costs for 2021 – 2023 for your information. Please note however, that capital expenditure that is not purely related to ensuring the airport continues to operate, in relation to airport operations, is borne by the Council.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



Steph O'Sullivan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE