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Tēnā koe Mr Edmund

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2024, to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- *Particulates are mentioned in your long term policy Q&A's for introducing motorcycle parking fees.*
 1. *Can you provide details on particulates with reference to its priorities over other pollutants, existing particulate quantities, reduction targets and particulate emission sources relevant to your proposed motorcycle parking fees.*

The reference to fine particles in the Long-Term Plan Question and Answer section is a part of a statement that also references noise and other pollutants. Comparing the environmental performance of motorcycles and cars is complex, and multiple factors and pollutants need to be considered, as space utilisation is not the only criterion to be looked at when determining parking fees for different types of motor vehicles. The most important criterion in the Council's Parking Policy is neither space utilisation nor any one pollutant or complex of pollutants, but average occupancy, which the Council seeks to manage between 50% and 85% (and ideally between 70% and 85%).

The Council does not hold data on particulates, and therefore I am refusing your question pursuant to section 17(g)(i) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing the information is either held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact assurance@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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