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Dear Mr Palmer

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

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Thank you for contacting Auckland Transport (AT) on 4 January 2016 requesting the following information:

1. What is the current status of the Withdrawn Carriages and DMU trains?

Auckland Transport can advise that the withdrawn diesel carriages are currently in storage, pending the finalisation of a potential sale.

2. How much did it cost AT (or its predecessors) to purchase the SA/SD carriage fleet (total and per carriage basis)?

The total original cost price of the diesel fleet was approximately \$200 million, but this was spread over a 20 year period. The cost of each carriage at the time of purchase was less than any alternative that was available at the time, including the most recent additions being the SA/SD units that were built by KiwiRail's Dunedin depot and based on units imported from the UK that needed significant modification. The last batch of SA/SD carriages cost approximately \$2.2million per carriage, including all modifications to enable push/pull operation with a KiwiRail leased locomotive.

Has options been considered for the reuse of the SA/SD carriage fleet within other New Zealand cities or regions?

Auckland Transport ran an open tender that commenced with 'Expressions of Interest' in late 2013 and was open to New Zealand and international parties. Summarised responses include:

- a. Auckland Transport had discussions with parties in Christchurch but no offer resulted from that contact.
- b. An indicative offer for a few of the ADK/ADB units was received from within New Zealand, but this was for the value likely to be achieved for a total sale and was considered to lessen the value of a sale of all units if an offer was made on that basis.

- c. There were several other interested parties in New Zealand for tourist and commuter passenger services (including one at \$100,000 for 50 x SA/SD carriages and spare parts) but none of these were commercially sensible.
- d. Offers were also received on a scrap value basis.

We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries please contact Auckland Transport on (09) 355 3553 quoting Official Information request number CAS-183316-T2M6C9.

Yours sincerely



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