

16 August 2016

Official Information Request No.
8010000197

sent via email

Dear Ms Blackmore

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Auckland council's no spray register

I refer to your email, which we received on 18 July 2016, requesting the total number of properties recorded on the Auckland Council No Spray Register between 1 August 2013 to 1 July 2016. You have requested that the information is to be supplied as a total for each month between these dates, and should include:

- boundaries to parks
- boundaries to reserves
- spray-free areas of community gardens, organic business ventures
- any other areas of sensitivity such as schools, kindergartens etc.

Council has considered whether setting a charge or extending the timeframe for the request would allow us to provide this information. In this instance, this request is refused under section 17(f) as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The Council does not hold records for the past six years and information is not specified by month. Each addition to the records supersedes previous records of the registers. I have been advised by our Infrastructure & Environmental Services department that the information you have requested could be created by the Council, but this would take an estimated 20 hours.

In accordance with the Council's policy on charging for official information, a charge will apply to any request which takes longer than four hours to complete. Therefore the cost of completing the analysis to create the information requested by you would be \$38 (inclusive GST) per half hour excluding the first four hours.

However, we can provide information on the current registers. There are currently 145 people from across the region on Auckland Council's park no spray registers. There are also 73 people who are on a notification register – this means that they are notified whenever, herbicide application is undertaken at specific sites.

These numbers relate to Auckland Council's parks registers. Auckland Transport also operates a register for people who elect not to have their berms treated. There may be some people who are on both or one of the registers. The information regarding Auckland Transport's registers is held by Auckland Transport.

Please note you have a right, by way of complaint under section 27(3) of the Act to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the Council's refusal to provide any information requested pursuant to the Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V".

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