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Kia ora Chris,

## **Parking Meters**

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 24 November 2023. You requested the following information:

1. Total Number of new solar/parking meters installed and to be installed.
2. Total Number of meters that will be removed.
3. Dates these old meters were installed - estimated life of the old meters.
4. Total Cost per meter - cost to buy, install, labour, etc broken down.
5. Total Cost for the project overall.
6. Cost for removal including labour and disposal.
7. Total cost to remove all the meters.

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

### **Background Information**

Wellington City Council has the strategic directive to move more people with fewer cars. Through the [District Plan](#), our [public space](#) programme and [walking](#) improvements, as well as the [Bike Network Plan](#), implementing the right transport network for Wellington will ensure that everyone has access to active and public transport routes that reduce emissions and connect our city. This has an impact on what on-street parking is available across the city. In 2020, the [Parking Policy](#) was refreshed with the eye to recommending new settings that reflect the current and future parking needs of the city, taking into account of the aspirations of [Our City Tomorrow](#).

The Parking landscape is changing and dynamic, and therefore the technology utilised needs to be responsive to the ongoing improvements to the city. Updating our technology to allow us to better support the implementation of the parking policy.

### **Question 1 - The total number of new solar/parking meters installed and to be installed.**

The total number of new parking meters is 400. Of those 400, 365 were installed by 3 January 2024, with another 6 meters installed the week of 15 January.

16 old meters have been removed as of the week of 15 January, with a further 16 new meters scheduled to be installed in the same location as these old meters starting the week of 23 January 2023.

The final 13 parking meters are allocated in various spot that currently have active construction, these meters will be installed as soon as the construction works are completed, and it is safe to do so.

**Question 2 - The total number of meters that will be removed.**

A total of 446 old parking meters will be removed which began in early January 2024.

**Question 3 - The dates these old meters were installed - estimated life of the old meters.**

The Pay by Space system was fully implemented in August 2016. This replaced the previous pay and display system. The original parking meters were installed from 2004 onwards and were updated to allow them to operate the pay-by-space system.

In subsequent years the Council made decisions to establish new paid parking areas across the city which required additional meters to be installed which included the installation of a number of cashless parking machines.

The life expectancy of the parking meters was estimated to be between 7-10 years and the majority of the old meters fell into this category.

The differing models of the parking meters were installed as listed below:

Meter Model	Year(s) Installed
Global Plus	2004
Metro Mk3	2008/2009/2010/2021
Metro Mk2	2008
Metro Mk5	2011/2013
Metrolite	2018/2021
Metrolite Plus	2021

**Questions 4 to 7 -**

**Total Cost per meter - cost to buy, install, labour, etc broken down**

**Total Cost for the project overall.**

**Cost for removal including labour and disposal.**

**Total cost to remove all the meters.**

After thorough consultation the decision to withhold information relating to the purchase price of the technology has been made under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where making available the information would likely prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request,

Kind regards,

Ollie Marchant  
**Official Information**