

By email

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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information OIA 2017-004 – follow up

On 13 February 2018, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) provided you with a response to a request for information made by you on 12 January 2018.

You were advised that the part of your request relating to the proposed GWRC 2018/19 public transport rates would be processed once the document had been finalised. On 14 March 2018, Council adopted proposed 2018/19 public transport rates to be consulted on.

Following the provision of this information we were advised that you did not consider that the information we provided included the detailed background calculations. Specifically, you advised Margaret Meek, Senior Democratic Services Advisor, on Thursday, 28 April that you wanted to be provided with information which showed how the draft public transport rate was determined.

Attached a copies of spreadsheets which demonstate what made up the draft transport rate.

Please note that in the attached documents, the projected cost information relating to the bus, rail and ferry contracts in the Wellington Region has been withheld in accordance with sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the grounds that releasing the breakdown of the cost estimates would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the operators when negotiating similar contracts, and the GWRC's ability to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations for the upcoming contracts.

We have therefore, provided you with this information in two formats:

- **Attachment 1(a):** is an electronic copy of the spreadsheet farebox recovery calculation (with the projected cost information relating to the bus and rail contracts in the Wellington Region deleted) in a format that gives the formulae

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- **Attachment 1(b):** is an electronic copy of the spreadsheet (with the projected cost estimate information relating to the bus and rail contracts deleted) in a format that gives the figures but does not give the formulae behind the figures

Please note that with these formats the following changes will happen in Attachment 1(a):

- Values in the 'Summary' at the bottom of the worksheet 'Ess Expenses' are affected. This has occurred because the formulae in that part of the document rely on the redacted values in the columns above. Please note that the formulae will still be able to be seen in the formulae bar.
- The table in the worksheet 'Calc-Proposed' have formulae that use values from the worksheet 'Ess Expenses'. Where there is a link between worksheets, the totals and subtotals in the worksheets with formulae will be incorrect as some may require data from the redacted cells. Please note that where data has been deleted from cells, the values of the cells become zero.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs GWRC's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs GWRC's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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