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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear William

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

Residual waste disposal to landfill

I refer to your request which we received on 24 August 2021, regarding residual waste disposal to landfill.

In response to your request, I consulted with the council's Waste Solutions department to provide relevant information. Our response to your questions is as follows:

Please advise how much AC has spent annually for disposal of residual waste-to-landfill annually since 2014 at Redvale and at other landfills separately

I refer to my email to you on 1 September 2021, seeking clarification of the type of council waste disposal service that you are referring to in this question. i.e., to council refuse, inorganic, illegal dumping and refuse transfer station waste. You replied on 1 September and 5 September and confirmed as below:

“I would be pleased to receive the annual costs for AC's disposal of all kinds of waste to landfill at each of the different landfills used, as per my request. If this is further separated out by categories of waste, as you indicate, because the data is collected this way, that would be helpful.

My original request is for the annual costs (what AC pays to the operator, either directly or through contractors used to transport waste to landfill) since 2014 for disposal of any and all types of waste at each of the landfills it uses (used). I was requesting the costs of actually using/accessing the landfill for disposal, not including the collection or other processing or transport costs of getting waste to the landfill, although e.g. (hypothetical since I don't know) if AC has contracts for transport and disposal which do not separate out the landfill use cost component I would not expect those to be separated out but just explained.

If the information is disaggregated or held separately by the type of waste service which disposes of waste at a landfill i.e. to Council Refuse, Inorganic, Illegal Dumping and Refuse Transfer Station waste, that would be helpful thank you.”

Please see Table 1 for how much Auckland Council has spent annually on disposal of waste in total to Redvale, Whitford and Hampton Downs landfills for the last six financial years. The amounts are based on all purchase order expenditure during the period for suppliers Waste Management (Redvale Landfill operator), Envirowaste (Hampton Downs Landfill) & Waste

Disposal Services (Whitford Landfill). This includes expenditure on waste disposed at transfer stations operated by the supplier.

Table 1:

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Redvale & Waste Management Transfer Stations	\$8,557,091	\$8,485,991	\$8,541,057
Whitford Landfill	\$6,009,203	\$7,046,267	\$6,245,152
Envirowaste Landfill & Transfer Station	\$414,341	\$859,936	\$924,191
Total disposal costs Waste Solutions department	\$14,980,635	\$16,392,195	\$15,710,399
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Redvale & Waste Management Transfer Stations	\$9,071,857	\$8,698,847	\$7,804,922
Whitford Landfill	\$6,761,731	\$6,839,894	\$10,641,920
Envirowaste Landfill & Transfer Station	\$959,037	\$820,819	\$851,763
Total disposal costs Waste Solutions department	\$16,792,624	\$16,359,561	\$19,298,605

The 2013/2014 & 2014/2015 financial years are provided as a total disposal cost in Table 2, as a different method of financial reporting was used which did not collect this data separately for each landfill.

Table 2:

	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total disposal costs Waste Solutions department	15,484,501	15,042,674

The numbers are only for the Waste Solutions department in council. There could be other departments in council that use landfills, however the Waste Solutions department has the bulk of disposals. Numbers do not include Great Barrier Island Claris landfill.

Please advise AC's policy for awarding contracts for residual waste disposal to landfill, including criteria for selection; and whether the contract includes transport to landfill or if that is a separate contract or contracts.

The previous procurement of landfill disposal contracts were based on the following weighted attributes:

- Relevant Experience 5%
- Resources 10%
- Methodology 7.5%
- Sustainability 2.5%
- Management and technical skill 5%
- Price 70%

As the current landfill disposal contracts do not expire until 2024, the procurement plan for the next contracts have not been written.

It is anticipated that the transportation to landfill will be a separate contract to the disposal contract(s).

Decisions about this response to your request were made by **Parul Sood**, General Manager Waste Solutions.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140009165.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Hua', written in a cursive style.

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