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Miss M Quicken

By email: fyi-request-34295-8dc44298@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Miss Quicken

Request for information 2026-135

I refer to your request for information dated 30 March 2026, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 March 2026. You have requested the following:

“Re: <https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F33838-revenue-assesment-transparency&data=05%7C02%7Cinfo%40gw.govt.nz%7C373c4e32a0ab41e7201c08de8de9a5be%7Ccdb5885ea63644b994da82930c096dd6%7C0%7C0%7C639104231828081596%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fM%2Fdd%2FK%2FL0x6EhdWQf6tqs7WeGyaaZ1iJo7rmisDCRI%3D&reserved=0>

Please provide the bus operation budget for the current and previous five FYs.

I do not think this aggregate figure falls under s. 7(2)(b)(ii) and is therefore public information.

<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ombudsman.parliament.nz%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2020-03%2FCommercial%2520information%2520A%2520guide%2520to%2520sections%25209%25282%2529%2528b%2529%2520and%25209%25282%2529%2528i%2529%2520of%2520the%2520OIA%2520and%2520sections%25207%25282%2529%2528b%2529%2520and%25207%25282%2529%2528h%2529%2520of%2520the%2520LGOIMA.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cinfo%40gw.govt.nz%7C373c4e32a0ab41e7201c08de8de9a5be%7Ccdb5885ea63644b994da82930c096dd6%7C0%7C0%7C639104231828107561%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sfcYzjMD4xk0CUkPp7GV0y2dkrJn3SBfjUnX6V5HBmQ%3D&reserved=0>

<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ombudsman.parliament.nz%2Fresources%2Fcommercial-information-guide-sections-92b-and-92i-oia-and-sections-72b-and-72h-lgoima&data=05%7C02%7Cinfo%40gw.govt.nz%7C373c4e32a0ab41e7201c08de8de9a5be%7Ccdb5885ea63644b994da82930c096dd6%7C0%7C0%7C639104231828121963%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOjJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbiIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gDMuS14JzNSFXzgjPQ04Du0JcNckab2S01EO%2B%2Fz41Mo%3D&reserved=0>

In fact council should proactively release these type of aggregate figures without having to rely on OIA.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Your request has been assessed under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

Please see below the Bus Operating expenditure for financial years 2021 – 2025:

- FY25/26 year to date - \$114,106,480.60 (As at March 2026)
- FY24/25 - \$142,729,252.12
- FY23/24 - \$125,568,556.93
- FY22/23 - \$112,320,705.07
- FY21/22 - \$107,197,417.58
- FY20/21 - \$93,148,194.87

Future requests

Greater Wellington values being an open and transparent local government organisation and believes that access to information is a public right. We endeavour to respond to requests for information fulsomely and in a timely manner. However, the frequency, volume and amount of information you have recently requested is significantly impacting Greater Wellington and its officers’ abilities to carry out their functions and duties. Therefore, we are advising you that we will consider our options in responding to your future requests in accordance with the Act, including charging you for the supply of information.

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Gain'.

Samantha Gain

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-ā-atea | Group Manager Metlink