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Request

from: NZ Taxpayers' Union

For: Average Residential Costs for the 2018/2019 Financial Year

Response

by: Nikki Harrison
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Ref: SR2029670

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Dear Monique

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL COSTS FOR 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR

I refer to your official information request dated 28 August 2020 for average residential costs of rates and other Council charges for the 2018/19 financial year.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. **Average residential costs:**

a) The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**.

- Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units;
 - **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and
 - **Z** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

b) A list of the types of rates, user charges and levies used to calculate each of the figures above.

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	No Of Properties/Charges (Z)	Rate	Factor	Total (X)
General Rate	18792	0.0072712	3,568,926,000	25,950,375
General Rate	668	0.0079983	182,203,000	1,457,314
<i>General Rates Sub Total</i>	<i>19460</i>			<i>27,407,688.99</i>
Uniform Annual General Charge	20758		416	8,634,083
Waste Water	20182		432	8,724,679
Stormwater	19317		318	6,134,886
Water Charge	18989		198	3,753,746
Water Usage (Y)	18989		2.102	

Rating Unit Numbers

	Total Rating Units	Residential Rating Units
2018/19	21,773	19,461

2. Rating units:

- a) The total number of rating units within the Council's district or city.
- Please disclose the number of rating units as the number of separately used or inhabited parts (SUIP).

2018/19 - 21,773

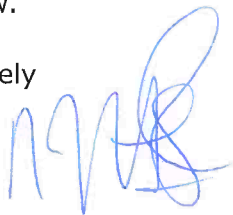
- b) The total number of residential rating units (however defined by the council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a definition for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban, lifestyle, or similar).
- Please disclose the number of residential rating units as the number of separately used or inhabited parts (SUIP).

2018/19 - 19,461

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact myself at the details shown below.

Yours sincerely



Nikki Harrison

Group Manager Corporate Services

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From: Monique Poirier <monique.poirier@ratepayers.nz>
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 4:44 PM
To: officialinformation@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz; service@gdc.govt.nz; mdc@marlborough.govt.nz; Council Enquiries (Enquiry); TDC (main email address)
Subject: Information Request: 2019 Ratepayers' Report (Unitary Authorities)
Categories: Mike, 4 Hours

Good afternoon,

My name is Monique Poirier and I am preparing the 2020 Ratepayers' Report for the Taxpayers' Union.

If you need any clarification on what information to supply, you will be able to look back at your previous responses as I will be making the same LGOIMA requests as in 2019 (by Garrick Wright McNaughton and Luke Redward). This will be done in three parts/requests to avoid overburdening your systems; this is Part 1, with Part 2 and Part 3 to be sent over the next two weeks.

If any figures or information that was supplied to us in 2019 are now materially different, an update would be gratefully appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any other queries.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable. Please also interpret any reference to "Council" to include the parent council and any council-controlled organisations (unless otherwise specified).

I request the following information for the **2018/19 Financial Year**:

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b) A list of the types of rates, user charges and levies used to calculate each of the figures above.

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- b) The total number of residential rating units (however defined by the council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a definition for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban, lifestyle, or similar).
- Please disclose the number of residential rating units as the number of separately used or inhabited parts (SUIP).

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on your agency. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in being able to assemble or provide some of the information requested, please provide the rest of the information as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this request to [REDACTED].

Kind regards,

Monique Poirier

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