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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR COLLECTION INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2024 for

1. Number of households for kerbside collection - and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)
2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component - for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
3. Cost of the kerbside collection
4. Cost of MRF process
5. Export market for plastic by resin type - cost of shipment/port costs + revenue.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)

There are 21,260 recycle bins (either 120 or a 240 litre) provided by Council to residents in Nelson which are collected fortnightly.

Glass is collected separately in a purchased 45 litre blue crate on the same collection day. The glass is colour sorted kerbside by the collector and this separation is maintained through the entire recycling process.

Council does not provide any residential refuse services. Refuse is available on a user-pays basis through private collection companies.

2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

Plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminium and steel are all collected in the same wheelie bin. These are transported to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Tasman, where they are sorted on behalf of the collection contractor.

2022-2023 financial year recycling totals									
	Paper	HDPE	HDPE Fonterra	PET clear	PET green	PP (5)	Aluminium	Steel	Contaminants
tonnes	1177	48	31	119	9	29	46	91	272
percentage	65%	3%	2%	7%	1%	2%	3%	5%	15%
glass tonnes	1525								
non glass tonnes	1821								

3. Cost of the kerbside collection

The cost for recycling collection is \$964,000 per annum.

4. Cost of MRF process

As the MRF is not a council facility, we are unable to confirm their costs.

5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue

The MRF bales and sells the commodities, wherever possible within New Zealand. Any transportation costs will be incurred by the MRF. Council does not receive the revenue for these sales but the present sale prices (as paid to the contractor) for these commodities are;

Paper	HDPE	HDPE Fonterra	PET clear	PET green	PP (5)	Aluminium	Steel	Contaminants
\$36.11	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$290.00		\$85.00	\$1,600.00	\$300.00	-\$246.00

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 Acting Manager Solid Waste, Mark MacFarlane mark.macfarlane@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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