

From: Official Information
Sent: Monday, 24 September 2018 9:07 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Taxpayer's Union - Information Request: Cost of Mayor's Vehicle

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 27 August 2018. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- 1) Whether the mayor is supplied with a vehicle for official duties and/or personal use. If so, is this vehicle leased, rented, or purchased?
- 2) If a vehicle for the mayor has been purchased, how much was the vehicle purchased for, when was it purchased, and what make/model of vehicle was purchased?
- 3) If the vehicle supplied to the mayor has been leased/rented, please disclose the monthly fees, the make/model of the vehicle leased/rented, and the total cost of leasing/renting a vehicle for the mayor in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 4) Are there fuel allowances for the mayor? If so, how much has been spent on fuel allowances in the 2017/18 financial year, and are there any restrictions or a cap on fuel allowances regarding mileage or personal use for the mayor?
- 5) Has a driver been supplied for the mayor during the 2017/18 financial year? If so, on how many occasions has this occurred, what is the council's policy on providing a driver for the mayor, and how much has been spent on a driver for the mayor during the 2017/18 financial year?
- 6) A copy of the log book of the mayor's vehicle for the 2017/18 financial year.

Council Response

Responses to your questions are as follows:

- 1) *Whether the mayor is supplied with a vehicle for official duties and/or personal use. If so, is this vehicle leased, rented, or purchased?* **The Council does not supply the Mayor with a vehicle.**
- 2) *If a vehicle for the mayor has been purchased, how much was the vehicle purchased for, when was it purchased, and what make/model of vehicle was purchased?* **The Council does not supply the Mayor with a vehicle.**
- 3) *If the vehicle supplied to the mayor has been leased/rented, please disclose the monthly fees, the make/model of the vehicle leased/rented, and the total cost of leasing/renting a vehicle for the mayor in the 2017/18 financial year.* **The Council does not supply the Mayor with a vehicle.**
- 4) *Are there fuel allowances for the mayor? If so, how much has been spent on fuel allowances in the 2017/18 financial year, and are there any restrictions or a cap on fuel allowances regarding mileage or personal usage for the mayor?* **The Mayor is entitled to claim a vehicle mileage allowance in accordance with clause 10 of the Local Government Members (2017/18) (Local Authorities) Determination 2017 (see link below). The Mayor did not claim any vehicle allowance for the 2017/18 financial year, and never has.**
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2017/0167/13.0/DLM7359856.html>
- 5) *Has a driver been supplied for the mayor during the 2017/18 financial year? If so, on how many occasions has this occurred, what is the council's policy on providing a driver for the mayor, and how much has been spent on a driver for the mayor during the 2017/18 financial year?* **The Mayor is not supplied with a driver. On occasion, for logistical reasons, staff will drive the Mayor to some events and engagements. They either drive her car, their own car, or a council pool car.**
- 6) *A copy of the log book of the mayor's vehicle for the 2017/18 financial year.* **The Council does not supply the Mayor with a vehicle.**

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Kind regards,

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