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| Request from: | Monique Poirier – New Zealand Taxpayers’ Union |
| Information requested: | 2019 Ratepayers Report |
| Response from: | Simon Bastion, Chief Executive |

03 September 2020

Monique Poirier
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
3 Glenside Crescent, Eden Terrace
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Via Email:

Dear Monique

Official information – Information Request 2019 Ratepayers' Report (Territorial Authorities)

I refer to your official information request dated 28 August 2020 for rating statistics for the 2018/19 Financial Year.

The information you have 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).**
 - **Please exclude any amounts that are collected in behalf of a Regional Council.**

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| X | 14,775,445 |
| Z | 5680 |
| Total | 2601.31 |

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

You will find this on page 231 – 232 of the Westland District Council Long term plan.

https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/WestlandDistrictCouncil_LT_P%20FA%20PRINT.pdf

Average residential costs (Regional Councils):

- a) **The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges collected by the Council on behalf of a Regional Council, where average residential costs = (X + Y) / Z.**

This is not applicable as the Westland District Council does not collect charges on behalf of the West Coast Regional Council.

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).**
5680 rateable units.
- 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).**

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| Rural | 1425 |
| Residential | 2521 |
| Commercial | 423 |
| Rural Residential | 1311 |
| Total | 5680 |

- c) **For each Regional Council that your authority falls under, please separately disclose the number of ratings units and residential rating units in each region.**
- **Please disclose the number of rating units and residential rating units as the number of separately used or inhabited parts (SUIP).**
No Regional Council rating units fall under Westland District Council authority.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Assistant at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive