

From: Official Information  
Sent: Friday, 22 July 2016 10:18 a.m.  
To: 'Taxpayers' Union Information Requests'  
Subject: RE: LGOIMA 16/0221 response 2 - Taxpayers' Union - average rates

Hi [REDACTED]

The "Z" value used was 148,500.

Kind regards,  
Anna

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From: Taxpayers' Union Information Requests [mailto:requests@taxpayers.org.nz]  
Sent: Tuesday, 19 July 2016 4:58 p.m.  
To: Official Information  
Subject: Re: LGOIMA 16/0221 response - Taxpayers' Union - average rates

Hi Anna,

Thank you for sending that information through. I apologise if we were not clear in our initial request, but do you mind providing us with the number of residential properties you had used in your calculations. This would be the "Z" value.

Thanks,

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Email [REDACTED]

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From: Official Information  
Date: Tuesday, 19 July 2016 4:55 pm  
To: Taxpayers' Union  
Subject: LGOIMA 16/0221 response - Taxpayers' Union - average rates

Thank you for your email, received on 27 June 2016. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

*"(a) The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges for the 2014/2015 & 2015/16 financial years:*

*Average residential costs = (X + Y)/Z ...*

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

Release of information

The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges for these years were:

- 2014/15: \$2,026

- 2015/16: \$2,190

These figures are GST inclusive, and are comprised of standard rates, the uniform annual general charge (UAGC), waste minimisation rate, active travel rate, sewer rate, land drainage rate and water connected rate.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Official Information  
Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2016 9:43 a.m.  
To: '[requests@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:requests@taxpayers.org.nz)'  
Subject: LGOIMA 16/0221 acknowledgement - Taxpayers' Union - average rates

Thank you for your email.

We are handling your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Your request has been forwarded to the appropriate CCC teams, and we will provide a response or update within 20 working days of the date we received your request.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Taxpayers' Union Information Requests [<mailto:requests@taxpayers.org.nz>]  
Sent: Monday, 27 June 2016 3:51 p.m.  
To: CCC\_CustomerServices  
Subject: <HJM> 27.6 Request 1 – Ratepayers' Report

Good afternoon,

In 2014 the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union partnered with a newspaper group and produced local government league tables, known as the "Ratepayers' Report."

The Taxpayers' Union is updating the tables and will provide an update for ratepayers across the country. Below is the first request for data in relation to the project.

If you have any questions about what we have requested below, or would like to discuss the project with one of our representatives, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Campaigns Coordinator, [REDACTED], who is overseeing the information requests and data collation. [REDACTED] is happy to provide any clarification as to what is requested, or further assist in any way possible.

[REDACTED] can be contacted on [REDACTED], or via email: [REDACTED]

Thanks again,

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

#1 - Average residential costs

We request the following information:

(a) The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges for the 2014/2015 & 2015/16 financial years:

$$\text{Average residential costs} = (X + Y)/Z$$

Where:

X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential properties;

Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential properties (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and

Z is the number of residential properties (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 do not include any amounts collected on behalf of a Regional Council.

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

Please use GST inclusive figures for the calculations

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