

7 December 2023

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-290

I refer to your request for information dated 24 November 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 24 November 2023. You have requested the following:

“Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, I would like to request the following for the past three months:

- *The total number of taxi trips made by each elected member*
- *The value of each of those taxi trips*
- *The council purpose of each of those taxi trips*
- *Has the Council Chair elected to have a council provided car?*
- *If so, in the past three months how many kms have been logged for council business in the car?”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

- *The total number of taxi trips made by each elected member*
- *The value of each of those taxi trips*
- *The council purpose of each of those taxi trips*

A search and analysis of our records for the three month period covered by your request shows that no taxi trips, funded by Greater Wellington, have been made by elected members.

Has the Council Chair elected to have a council provided car?

The Council Chair has access to a Greater Wellington electric vehicle for full private use, consistent with the provisions of clause 9 of the [Local Government Members \(2023/24\) Determination 2023](#) issued by the Remuneration Authority.

- *If so, in the past three months how many kms have been logged for council business in the car?*
As the Council Chair is entitled to full private use of the Greater Wellington electric vehicle made available to them, consistent with clause 9 of the [Local Government Members \(2023/24\) Determination 2023](#), the use of that vehicle is not logged. Therefore, it is necessary for Greater Wellington to refuse this element of your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington, and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either - held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

If you have any concerns with the decision referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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