

28 June 2022

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2022-063

I refer to your request for information dated 17 May, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) via transfer from Hutt City Council on 17 May. You have requested the following:

“Can I please get the total cost to council resources to deal with issues of fly-tipping in the region? (including cleaning rubbish from Hutt River if that is usually separated out)

Can it please be broken down month-by-month, covering the past 12 months.

Can it also please specify the number of callouts/incidents of fly-tipping in the region per month.”

Clarification of the request was sought on 25 May with your clarification received on 2 June and noted as follows:

- Re: type of costs, I'm hoping to get costs for the entire process of dealing with fly-tipping incidents. So ideally disposal costs, and if it's possible to include hours and associated costs that'd be a bonus.
- Time frame – 12 months from the initial request is great.
- Type of waste – any/all waste that leads to GWRC resources being deployed to deal with, be it commercial/domestic. If it's easy enough to distinguish between both then great, otherwise treating it as a whole is fine.
- Location – just Hutt Valley area.

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Greater Wellington does not separate the costs of waste disposal from fly-tipping incidents and that of general waste in the running of our operations, however most of the fees in the table below all relate to fly-tipping incident disposal.

Month	Skip Bin Hire (\$)	Tip Fees (\$)
May 2021	275.47	2,576.00
June 2021	275.47	1,620.00
July 2021	275.47	2,329.00
August 2021	285.11	369.00
September 2021	285.11	2,672.00
October 2021	285.11	34,935.00
November 2021	285.11	2,707.00
December 2021	285.11	6,109.00
January 2022	285.11	-
February 2022	295.09	27,261.00
March 2022	295.09	8,204.00
April 2022	295.09	5,965.00
May 2022	295.09	19,079.00
TOTAL	3,717.43	113,826.00

The Greater Wellington Hutt River Ranger completes a daily run along and around the Hutt River and collects and disposes of all waste found. Over the last 12 months he has disposed of tyres, burnt out cars, used building materials, bottles, newspapers, household rubbish and general rubbish such as broken microwaves, stereos, toilets, broken garden furniture along with a variety of other items.

The Hutt River Ranger is called out to fly-tipping incidents approximately three-four times per week with an average of two-three hours a day spent on collecting, loading and disposing of rubbish. This work is part of his business-as-usual routine so is not separated out as a specific cost but would equate to one working day per week.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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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