

## Euan Kyle

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**From:** Jörn Scherzer  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 March 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Euan Kyle; Jackie Sowry; Gary Craig  
**Subject:** RE: OIR - [REDACTED] RE: Electric Fleet

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email from 13 March 2020.

Regarding your question about our electric vehicle fleet, Hutt City Council currently has the following electric vehicles in its fleet:

Make	Model	Rego	Vehicle Year	Council ops location	Department
Nissan	Leaf	LNN728	2015	Market Grove	Env Health
Nissan	Leaf	MMR825	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MMR826	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MMR827	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MMR828	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MMR829	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MMR830	2019	Laings Road	None, pool car
Nissan	Leaf	MPG531	2019	Laings Road	Mayoral
Nissan	Leaf	MPG519	2019	Sports House (Pelorus)	Parks & Recreation
Nissan	Leaf	MPJ377	2019	Sports House (Pelorus)	Parks & Recreation
Renault	Zoe	MQF361	2019	Fraser Park	Community Services
Nissan	E-NV200 (operationalisation in progress)	MQR140	2019	Meechen Street	Animal Services
Renault	Kangoo EV (operationalisation in progress)	MSR154	2019	Sports House (Pelorus)	Parks & Recreation

There are a total of 13 EVs, out of a total of 80 vehicles. This is the status as at 13 March 2020. The vehicles cater for a variety of staff transport needs.

All of these vehicles are owned by Council. The purchase cost of the 2015 Nissan Leaf (LNN728) amounted to \$23,000 (including GST, purchased in early 2019). This was a second-hand model.

Note that when new, Council purchases – by default – vehicles via the NZ Government’s All of Government procurement process. I am unable to provide purchase costs for those vehicles, as this is commercially sensitive. Under the All of Government’s procurement conditions, I am unable to provide that information. Having said that, I can confirm that there are significant discounts available compared to the usual retail cost.

Note that the increasing electrification of Hutt City Council's vehicle fleet follows the completion of a comprehensive fleet audit and optimisation review in early 2019. The review found opportunities for increasing the use of electric vehicles in line with Council's carbon reduction target, while at the same time achieving significant cost savings overall, by

- moving from leasing to purchasing vehicles,
- reducing the overall number of vehicles through better utilisation (eg use of pool booking systems, centralisation of procurement, etc),
- increased use of other modes (eg bikes, etc), and
- reducing unnecessary costs (eg reducing or removing fringe benefit tax on a number of vehicles).

Aside from electrifying our fleet, we are currently working on implementing the various review recommendations in order to realise the cost saving opportunities identified by the review.

While electric vehicles do tend to be more expensive upfront (eg even with the significant discounts that Council can achieve through purchasing via the All-of-Government procurement process), I note that overall costs should preferably be assessed on a total cost of ownership basis (ie taking into account not just purchase cost, but also operating cost and residual value). You may be interested in the following useful tool:

<https://www.eecabusiness.govt.nz/tools/vehicle-total-cost-of-ownership-tool/>.

With regard to your second question, Council does not have a targeted rate for incentives for businesses to set up in the Hutt. Council has a number of incentives that are funded by general rates:

<http://portal.huttcity.govt.nz/Record/ReadOnly?Tab=3&Uri=4532453>

With regard to your third question, Council does not contribute directly to the regional economic development agency. WellingtonNZ, the regional economic development agency, is funded by a rate collected by Greater Wellington Regional Council on ratepayers across the Greater Wellington Region. The only exception to this is where direct services (eg marketing) are provided by WellingtonNZ. See

[https://www.wellingtonnz.com/assets/WellingtonNZ/Resource-Hub/WREDA\\_AR19\\_Financials\\_Combined.pdf](https://www.wellingtonnz.com/assets/WellingtonNZ/Resource-Hub/WREDA_AR19_Financials_Combined.pdf), and

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/assets/WellingtonNZ/Resource-Hub/WREDA0-SOI-2019-22.pdf>

Kind regards

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**Sent:** Friday, 13 March 2020 9:04 AM  
**To:** Corporate Records <Corporate.Records@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Customer Feedback Query [#4D497E]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** "[contact@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:contact@huttcity.govt.nz)" <[contact@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:contact@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Customer Feedback Query

**Name** [REDACTED]

**Email** [REDACTED]

**Message** Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I would like to make the following requests. 1) I noted last year the Council is transitioning to an electric fleet, can you please provide me the make and models of all council vehicles and which departments uses them and what for. Also, can you please provide me the costs of these vehicles and if they are under lease the cost per vehicle to lease them. 2) I would like to know if Council has a targeted rate for incentive's for businesses to set up in the Hutt and also what the brings in annual as a total. Also, what does council contribute annual to the regional economic development agency.