

31 March 2023

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Tēnā koe Dan

Request for Information pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 March 2023, in which you have requested official information about expenditure and use of Hutt City Council's vehicle fleet.

Our answers to each of your questions are provided below.

How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?

The mayor has a specific vehicle for his use, as permitted by regulation, with full private use. Relevant costs are deducted from his salary.

How many cars does your council own that are used by the chief executive?

Hutt City Council has 67 vehicles, about a third of which can be booked by our employees via our booking system. All employees, including the chief executive, can book vehicles from this pool vehicle fleet.

How many cars are owned that are to be used by any other members of the council's executive leadership?

Hutt City Council has 67 vehicles. About a third of these are available to employees, including executive staff, via our booking system.

How many times has the council rented cars for any elected members in the year to date?

No bookings of fleet vehicles or hired cars have been made for Hutt City councillors in the year to date.

What are the costs of purchasing, leasing, maintenance, fuel or any other related costs of each of the aforementioned answers?

We have interpreted this question as applying to vehicles that are used by specific individuals, rather than the costs associated with Hutt City Council's full vehicle fleet.

The mayor's vehicle is a new electric BYD vehicle. It was purchased for around \$64,000 including GST. Being electric and new, operational costs are minimal.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Sales', written in a cursive style.

Susan Sales
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy