



24 July 2026

David Town

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Tēnā koe David,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 26 June 2026, seeking information on the funding of Hutt City Council's Animal Services activity. Specifically, you requested:

For the most recently completed financial year, please provide:

- 1. the total cost of the running of Animal Services.*
- 2. the total of dog registration fees.*

Please tell me if all the dog registration fees applied to the running of Animal Services?

If Animal Services is funded partly through dog registration and other Animal Services fees, and partly through Rates, please provide:

- 3. the amount/percentage of Animal Services costs funded by dog registration fees and other Animal Services fees.*
- 4. the amount/percentage of Animal Services costs funded by Rates.*

Also please provide the corresponding budgeted amounts/percentages for the current financial year 2026/07.

Answer:

For the most recently completed financial year, please provide:

- The total cost of the running of Animal Services.

Response: Please refer to the table below.

- The total of dog registration fees.

Response: Total dog registration revenue received for Animal Services in 2025-26 is \$1.4M

- Please tell me if all the dog registration fees applied to the running of Animal Services?

Response: All dog registration fees go towards offsetting the costs of Animal Services.

- If Animal Services is funded partly through dog registration and other Animal Services fees, and partly through Rates, please provide: the amount/percentage of Animal Services costs funded by dog registration fees and other Animal Services fees.

Response: Dog registration fees, impound fees, and infringement fees contribute approximately 60% to 79% of the **operational** cost of dog control (which excludes internal support costs) as set out in HCC Revenue and Financing Policy. Dog registration fees are set by Council resolution.

- The amount/percentage of Animal Services costs funded by Rates.

Response: 21% – 40% of operational costs are funded by rates. 100% of internal support costs are funded by rates.

- Also please provide the corresponding budgeted amounts/percentages for the current financial year 2026/07.

Response: Please refer to the table below.

Animal Services		
Category/Projects	Annual Actuals 25/26 \$000	Annual Budget 26/27 \$000
Revenue		
User Charges	1,787	1,740
Other Revenue	(7)	5
Total Revenue	1,780	1,745
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	890	921
Operating Costs	1,279	748
Support Costs	1,004	1,090
Interest	42	62
Depreciation	234	215
Total Expenditure	3,448	3,036
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,668)	(1,291)

Council has considered whether the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it and has concluded that it does not.

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: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602. Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases - Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Williams', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lisa Williams

Senior Advisor, Official Information