



20 May 2025

Daniel Burgess

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Dear Daniel

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

We refer to your official information request dated 20 April 2025 for information on dog registration and animal control as follows:

1. *How many dogs are registered in Lower Hutt at the date of this request?*
2. *How much money did the council invoice for dog registrations in the last financial period?*
3. *What is the yearly budget for animal control in Lower Hutt?*
4. *How many animal control officers are employed by council?*
5. *How many call outs did animal control attend in the last 12 months?*
6. *How many dog owners have faced enforcement action as a result of animal control call outs.*

**Answer:**

Answers to Questions 1,4,5 and 6 can be found in the [Annual Dog Report 2023-2024](#) published on Hutt City Council website.

Question 2 – Dog registration fees received in 2023/2024 amounted to \$1,386,270. Year to Date April 2024/2025 amounts to \$1,503,137 (GST exclusive).

Question 3 – Budget for 2023/2024 was as follows (note this excludes Wellington City Council Animal services and includes overheads):

Animal Services	
	Annual Budget 23/24 \$000
Total Revenue	1,264
Total Expenditure	1,948
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(684)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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