



23 September 2026

Kendall Eade

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Tēnā koe Kendall,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 2 September 2026, seeking expenditure on new Council vehicles in 2026. Specifically, you requested:

I am requesting information on how much money was spent on the new BYD fleet of Hutt City Council vehicles (and any other vehicles) in 2026.

Answer:

Vehicle purchasing decisions are based on the total cost of ownership and overall fleet costs.

Council's vehicle fleet comprised 64 vehicles as at 30 June 2026, along with a small number of bikes and scooters used for short trips.

The total capital expenditure on Hutt City Council's vehicle fleet for the 2025/26 financial year was \$1,083,162, covering the replacement of 19 vehicles. Fifteen of these vehicles were BYD vehicles, with a total associated cost of \$783,838.

By way of context, Hutt City Council owns, rather than leases, its fleet vehicles due to its ability to access significant discounts through the All-of-Government fleet vehicle contract administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Fleet purchasing decisions are influenced by a number of factors, including specific business requirements, total cost of ownership, safety, and greenhouse gas emissions. Consistent with the objective of minimising total cost of ownership, Council typically retains vehicles for between three and five years. This enables Council to recover a significant portion of the vehicles' value through resale at the end of their service life.

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 that reads "Izla Corby". The script is cursive and fluid.

Izla Corby

Senior Advisor, Official Information