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Dear Farah

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2021-126

Thank you for your email of 30 December 2021 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"...The following request relates to CCTV cameras which surveil public outdoor spaces. It does not relate to body cameras or dash cams.

- 1. How much has been spent on the installation of CCTV cameras in the past five years, broken down by year?*
- 2. What is the cost to run CCTV cameras over a 12 month period? Please specify the dates of the period in your response. If the cost relates to indoor and outdoor cameras please specify the number of indoor versus outdoor cameras.*
- 3. Were any outdoor cameras vandalised in 2021? If so, please list how many times this happened.*
- 4. If outdoor cameras were installed for crime prevention, security, or public safety, can you please include any the number of reported crimes in the year prior to camera installation, and the number of reported crimes in 2021. For ease of response, this can relate to an area rather than the viewport of specific cameras e.g. CBD.*
- 5. Can you please list the number of times camera footage was used in solving a crime in 2021?*
- 6. Does your organisation regularly review whether CCTV cameras are performing their objective? If so, please provide the results of the most recent review.*

7. *Does your organisation have any policy regarding CCTV in place, which covers any of the following - If so, please provide a copy, or link to it:*
 - a. *Objectives of cameras*
 - b. *Data protection*
 - c. *Sharing of footage*
 - d. *Vetting of volunteers viewing footage...*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to your request is provided in the following order of your request.

1. *How much has been spent on the installation of CCTV cameras in the past five years, broken down by year?*

In March 2021, \$44,665.60 was spent on the installation of CCTV cameras. The remaining break down of the past five years cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I am refusing the remaining break down of the past five years of your request under section 17(f) of the Act for the reason that remaining break down of the past five years spent on the installation of CCTV cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

2. *What is the cost to run CCTV cameras over a 12 month period? Please specify the dates of the period in your response. If the cost relates to indoor and outdoor cameras please specify the number of indoor versus outdoor cameras.*

The information that you are requesting cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(f) of the Act for the reason that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

3. *Were any outdoor cameras vandalised in 2021? If so, please list how many times this happened.*

No outdoor cameras have been vandalised in 2021.

4. *If outdoor cameras were installed for crime prevention, security, or public safety, can you please include any the number of reported crimes in the year prior to camera installation, and the number of reported crimes in 2021. For ease of response, this can relate to an area rather than the viewport of specific cameras e.g. CBD.*

The Council does not hold a record of the number of crimes reported in Carterton. The number of crimes reported in the Carterton CBD area can be obtained from the New Zealand Police.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act for the reason that the record of the number of crimes reported in Carterton CBD is not held by the Council.

5. *Can you please list the number of times camera footage was used in solving a crime in 2021?*

The Council does not hold any recorded number of times footage was used in solving a crime for the period of 2021. The Council is currently planning to progress improvements in allowing future crime footage access to the New Zealand Police.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act for the reason that the recorded number of times footage was used in solving a crime for the period of 2021 is not held by the Council.

6. Does your organisation regularly review whether CCTV cameras are performing their objective? If so, please provide the results of the most recent review.

The Council is currently planning to progress improvements to our CCTV cameras. The Council is transitioning to newer cameras, and the objectives will be reviewed as part of this. The Council does not hold a most recent review.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act for the reason that the most recent review on the CCTV camera performing objective is not held by the Council.

7. Does your organisation have any policy regarding CCTV in place, which covers any of the following - If so, please provide a copy, or link to it:

- **Objectives of cameras**
- **Data protection**
- **Sharing of footage**
- **Vetting of volunteers viewing footage ..."**

As the Council is currently transitioning to new CCTV cameras, data protection, sharing of footage with the New Zealand Police, and our security contractors, will be reviewed and included in the final policy. The Council has never had a volunteer viewing footage in the past. However, this will be reconsidered in the planned improvements. This includes considering vetting of volunteers viewing footage.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at comms@cdc.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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