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Dear ██████████

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-12

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

- *“How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?”*
- *How many cars does your council own that are used by the Chief executive?*
- *How many cars are owned that are to be used by any other members of the council's executive leadership?*
- *How many times has the council rented cars for any elected members 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? “*

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

I am interpreting your request as, ‘*how many pool cars*’ CDC owns. My response to your request is in the number order below.

1. *“How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?”*

Council owns three pool vehicles.

Prior to 2020, the council’s mayors were allocated a vehicle from them to use on council business. From 2020, no specific vehicle is allocated for the use of the mayor, or other elected members. Occasionally the current mayor uses a council pool vehicle to attend meetings.

2. *How many cars does your council own that are used by the Chief executive?*

When required, the Chief executive will use one of the three council pool vehicles.

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

When required, other members of the council's executive leadership will use one of the three council pool vehicles.

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

In the year to date, council have not rented any rental cars for any elected member.

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

My below response on the cost of purchase, leasing, maintenance and fuel is based on the year to date, from 10 March 2022 to 10 March 2023.

Cost of purchase

Council made no purchases on pool cars from the period of March 2022 to March 2023.

Cost of leasing

No cars have been leased by Council as pool cars from the period of March 2022 to March 2023.

Cost of maintenance

Maintenance Cost (Incl GST)	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3	Incl GST
<i>[from 10 March 2022 to 10 March 2023]</i>				
Servicing	*\$136.39	\$409.85	*\$136.39	
Grooming			\$207.00	
Tyres	-	-	-	
WOF	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Repairs			\$177.00	
ARGUS tracking	\$372.00	\$372.00	\$372.00	
Total	\$573.39	\$846.85	957.39	\$2377.63

*Cavet: Inhouse servicing

Cost of fuel

Fuel Cost (Incl GST)	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3	Incl GST	Excl GST
<i>[from 10 March 2022 to 10 March 2023]</i>					
	\$1,810.30	\$1793.79	\$3,670.81	\$7,247.90	\$6,326.00
Registration	\$102.90	\$102.90	\$102.90	\$ 308.70	\$ 268.43
Total				\$7,583.60	\$6,594.43

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. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. 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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