

15 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-46

Thank you for your email of Sunday, 23 July 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

- “1. How much did the Carterton Council contribute to the roll out of Smart Libraries in total.*
- 2. What financial year/s did Carterton Council make payments for the roll out of Smart Libraries.”*

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

My response to your request is in the order below.

How much did the Carterton Council contribute to the roll out of Smart Libraries in total.

SMART is a collaboration of libraries in the greater Wellington region which has been working collaboratively for approximately a decade.

South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) and CDC libraries became part of the collaboration in October 2021.

There was no specific cost to join SMART, however there was a migration to a new library management system (Spydus). Being on that enabled the libraries to then partner with other libraries on the same system, and coincided with the expiry of the agreement for the previous library management system. The costs involved with this was a one-off fee of \$900, and then an annual fee of \$16,767 per council. This was a lower cost than the previous system used.

What financial year/s did Carterton Council make payments for the roll out of Smart Libraries.

As above, no specific costs to join SMART, but a one-off fee, and annual payments for the Spydus library management system, beginning in the 2021/22 financial year.

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



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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