

28 July 2022

File Ref: OIAP-7-24634

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022-094**

I refer to your request for information dated 1 July 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 1 July 2022. You have requested the following:

*“First, with respect to the \$9.50 cash fare. Will that increase to \$19, after the 31st of August, when the government 50% fare subsidy lapses?”*

*Second, how much is being paid to Wellington Airports for access by the airport bus service to the airport?”*

#### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

##### **Airport Express Fares**

The standard full fare amount on the Airport Express service is \$9.50 for one adult if you are paying with cash or bank card. The fare is currently \$4.50 rounded down from \$4.75 due to the policy of Metlink that fares are rounded down to the nearest 50 cents. Fares will return to the full fare price of \$9.50 when the Government’s 50% fare subsidy ends, which has been extended until 31 January 2023.

##### **Wellington Airport Access**

Greater Wellington and Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) have entered into a commercial agreement where Greater Wellington pays an access fee for all passengers collected from and dropped off at the Airport. The terms of the commercial agreement between Greater Wellington and WIAL are commercially sensitive. Accordingly, this part of your request for information is withheld under Section 7(2)(ii) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the grounds that releasing the information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of WIAL.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Gain', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Samantha Gain  
Kaiwhakahaere Matua | General Manager Metlink

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