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Request for information 2025-085

I refer to your request for information dated 13 March 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 3 March 2025. You have requested the following:

"I request the following information for the 2023/24 Financial Year:

1. Average residential rates

The average (mean) residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average residential costs = (A + B) / C. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:

- A is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST);*
- B is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection fire protection etc.); and*
- C is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).*

Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags). If possible, the median residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing).

2. Average non-residential rates

The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average non-residential costs = $(X + Y) / Z$. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

- X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;
- Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and
- Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).

Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags). If possible, the median (inclusive GST) non-residential rates payment for the council.

*Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.”

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Greater Wellington Regional Council applies rates across nine territorial authorities in the Wellington Region. The information we have provided you is the region-wide average for the rating categories you have requested.

The attachment “Average Rates GWRC – 2023/24” shows you the types of rates, number of rateable units (CV Assessments) and values that we used to determine the region-wide averages for the 2023/24 financial year.

The average Region-Wide Residential rates for the 2023/24 Financial Year were: **\$737.66 (excl. GST), \$848.36 (incl. GST)**

Non-residential rates:

The average Region-Wide Rural rates for the 2023/24 Financial Year were: **\$650.06 (excl. GST), \$749.17 (incl. GST)**

The average Region-Wide Business rates for the 2023/24 Financial Year were: **\$2,557.96 (excl. GST), \$2,941.66 (incl. GST)**

The average CBD Business rates (in Wellington City only) for the 2023/24 Financial Year were: **\$13,234 (excl. GST), \$15,219.10 (incl. GST)**

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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

Nāku iti noa, nā



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By category			CV	CV Assessments	Average CV	General rate	River management rate	Public transport rate	Stadium purposes rate	Remission of rates	Economic development rate	District-Wide rates	General rate	River management rate	Public transport rate	Stadium purposes rate	Remission of rates	Economic development rate	District-Wide rates	
Region Wide	Wellington CBD	Region WideWellington CBD	13,125,483,300.00	3,007.00	4,364,976.16	6252650.659	7485.8632	32874426.85	0	0	660064.0879	39794627.46	2,079.3	2.49	10.9	2.63	-	-	219.51	13,234.00
Region Wide	Business	Region WideBusiness	19,926,353,300.00	8,178.00	2,436,580.25	7220128.385	1659319.799	10919242.95	0	0	1120334.442	20919025.57	88.87	202.90	1,335.20	-	-	136.99	2,557.96	
Region Wide	Residential	Region WideResidential	178,049,544,150.00	183,806.00	968,681.89	57123089.72	8657109.834	67057704.05	0	0	2749275	135587178.6	0.78	10	364.83	-	-	14.96	737.71	
Region Wide	Rural	Region WideRural	18,059,516,455.00	15,715.00	1,149,189.72	7383145.482	460748.2138	2157993.445	0	0	213825	10215712.14	4.982	2	137.32	-	-	13.61	651.45	
Region Wide	Total	Region WideTotal	229,160,897,205.00	210,706.00	1,087,586.01	77979014.25	10784663.71	113009367.3	0	0	4743498.53	206516543.8	370.08	1.18	536.34	-	-	22.51	980.12	

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