

OIR: 2324/792

29 February 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2024 requesting the following information:

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)

Kāpiti Coast District Council exited kerbside collection service provision in 2013, introducing a licensing model for commercial waste collectors to directly contract with households for the provision of kerbside services. Households can choose to contract one of the waste collectors directly or can choose to manage their own rubbish and recycling.

The latest [2018 census data](#) indicates 21,906 occupied private dwellings, 2,892 unoccupied private dwellings, and 90 occupied non-private dwellings.

Licensed commercial operators are required by Council to provide urban residential provision of a combined rubbish and recycling collection service. This predominantly consists of separate wheelie bins for rubbish, and for recycling, and a crate for glass.

2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

Council's latest [SWAP survey](#) undertaken in 2017 indicates the composition of kerbside waste split by material type.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

3. Cost of the kerbside collection or the Council's budget for kerbside collections

Rubbish and recycling kerbside collection are not rates-funded. Kāpiti Coast District Council exited kerbside collection services in 2013, introducing a licensing model for commercial waste collectors to directly contract with households for the provision of kerbside services. Households can choose to contract one of the waste collectors directly or can choose to manage their own rubbish and recycling.

4. Cost of MRF process or Council's budget for MRF process

Council is not involved in the commercial relationships and costs between MRF operators and commercial waste collectors and operators.

On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue

MRF operators are responsible for, and derive revenue from, the on-sale of plastic by resin type. Commercial collectors and operators are a customer to regional MRF operators for supply of plastics.

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You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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