

23 October 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 24 September 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

*We're just looking into some stories on council-issued cars and speed limit breaches recorded by their Global Positioning System (GPS) system. I was hoping you'd be able to provide me with the following information:*

- 1. The number of speed limit breaches by Wellington City Council staff (excluding councillors) in council-issued cars in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.*
- 2. The number of speed limit breaches by Wellington City Council Councillors in council-issued cars in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.*

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

Wellington City Council's fleet vehicles are all equipped with GPS monitors to track and locate vehicles where necessary, this includes the monitoring of speed.

In the event where a Council fleet vehicle has been recorded as driving above the speed limit for 40 seconds or more, this record is reported by the Council's health and Safety team. The report is generated based on the duration from the moment the speed limit was breached by 1km. The Health and Safety team will filter this report and forward incidents captured to the manager of the driver involved with the record for review and investigation.

We have provided data where requested, however it's important to note:

- Councillors do not have a Council fleet vehicle solely for their use; therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA because the requested information does not exist.
- However, the Mayor's office has one dedicated car which can be utilised by staff within the Office of the Mayor, including the Mayor and other officers traveling to support mayoral duties.
- The data below reflects where vehicles were speeding over a prolonged period of time, exceeding 40 seconds.
- The data provided to you does not include duplicated instances in short succession e.g. if a vehicle was speeding for more than 40 seconds multiple times in a short window.
- There are some locations in Wellington where the GPS system momentarily loses a vehicle. When the GPS is able to locate the vehicle again, it would often record this vehicle as speeding. It is not possible to confirm within the data set where these situations may have occurred.

## Response

Please find a yearly breakdown capturing the number of incidents where a Council fleet vehicle has been recorded as driving above the speed limit.

As referenced above please also note:

- The data below reflects where vehicles were speeding over a period exceeding 40 seconds.
- The data we hold is limited from April 2022 onwards. Therefore the 2022 data is in part from April 2022 to December 2022. Further, the 2024 data captures January 2024 to 25 September 2024.

Year	Count
2022 (April to December)	1424
2023	2072
2024 (January to 25 September)	1458

From the above data, the overall average speed above the limit was 8.8 km/hr.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact [official.information@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:official.information@wcc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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