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File Ref: IRC-8452

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Tēnā koe Chris,

Thank you for your email dated 12 May 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *Total OPEX for the last three years*
2. *Total Rates received only for the last three years*
3. *Can you also include all the Wellington CCO's and their debt as follows:*
 - a) *Name of the CCO*
 - b) *Total Debt associated with the CCO*
 - c) *All of the debt amounts*

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

Question 1 - Total OPEX for the last three years

This information is publicly available within the Council's [Annual Reports](#)- Volume 2, within the section titled 'Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense'. The table below has been created using this information online and provides you with the total operating expenditure for the last three financial years:

Financial Year	Opex Spending
2023/24	\$877,066,000
2022/23	\$773,346,000
2021/22	\$622,353,000

Question 2 - Total Rates received only for the last three years

This information is also publicly available within Volume 2 of our Annual Reports and within the section titled 'Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense'. The table below has been created using this information online and provides you with the total rates revenue for the last three financial years:

Financial Year	Rates Revenue
2023/24	\$483,252,000
2022/23	\$424,990,000
2021/22	\$388,176,000

Question 3 - Can you also include all the Wellington CCO's and their debt as follows:

- a) *Name of the CCO*
- b) *Total Debt associated with the CCO*
- c) *All of the debt amounts*

A list of the Council's Controlled entities (for financial reporting purposes) can be found in [Note 20](#) of our publicly available Annual Reports: Volume 2.

Information on each Controlled entities debt (borrowings/loan to the extent they have any) can be found in their respective Statement of Financial Position in their published Financial Statements. Full copies of their Annual Reports (including financial statements) can be obtained directly from their respective websites, links provided below:

- Karori Sanctuary Trust (Trading as Zealandia): [Link](#)
- Wellington Cable Car Limited: [Link](#)
- Wellington Museums Trust (Trading as Experience Wellington): [Link](#)
- Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Limited (WREDA) (Trading as WellingtonNZ) - [Link](#)
- Creative HQ Limited: [Link](#)
- Wellington Zoo Trust: [Link](#)
- Te Toi Mahana: [Link](#)

Please note, Wellington Waterfront Limited is the company that holds the Wellington waterfront land as bare trustee for the Council. As the operations of the waterfront and its assets are managed by the Council, these are already accounted for in the Council's financial statements and have not been included in the above information.

To finish, I'd like to remind you of my comments outlined at the end of my response to your previous request for information, IRC-8239 sent on 21 May 2025. When corresponding with the Council in the future, we ask that you keep your tone respectful and ensure your requests remain specific to the information you seek

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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