

Reference Number: 2023/1008

21 September 2023

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Email [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 30 August 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

“Staff numbers, salary bands, relative to population, relative to rateable properties. Over 10 years. So just three years, the January February period after an election year so data from 2016, 2019, 2022.”

On 7 September and 11 September 2023, a request for clarification was sent to you as your request in the current form was not clear. On 11 September 2023, you clarified your request as follows

“Yes I agree , it is important to know council spending relative to rate base and then hdc staff numbers relative to population. So my question is each financial year for last 10 years can hdc supply staff numbers, rateable properties, total expenditure, salary bands, total borrowings, district population. [REDACTED]”

Information relating to the population of the district can be found on the [Stats NZ](#) website in an Excel spreadsheet titled “Subnational population estimates: At 30 June 2022 (Provisional).”

Information on staff numbers, salary bands and rateable properties is publicly available on the Horowhenua District Council website under [Annual Reports](#). Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA, that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

The Annual Report is a key accountability document reporting Council’s performance over the past year and includes Council’s financial statements which report the financial results for the year and the financial position of Council.

To assist you, I have added the links to the annual reports, and page numbers to staff numbers, remunerations and rateable properties. Further information can be found on the reports themselves.

Annual Report	Total wages – Page number	Remuneration by Band – Page number	Staff Numbers – Page number	Rateable Properties – Page number
2012-2013	36	52 & 53	53	156
2013-2014	39	56 & 57	57	37 & 179
2014-2015	40	59 & 60	60	38 & 186
2015-2016	36	55	55	34 & 196
2016-2017	33	52	52	30 & 206
2017-2018	33	51	51	31 & 206
2018-2019	32	51	51	30 & 201
2019-2020	32	51	51	30 & 190
2020-2021	30	50	50	28 & 190
2021-2022	165	187	187	163

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Advisor on LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Ngā mihi



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