

24 July 2025

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By email: [REDACTED]@wcc.govt.nz

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for information 2025-235

I refer to your request for information dated 21 July 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 1 July 2025. You have requested the following:

“I would like information on what percentage of GWRC rates income comes from Wellington City ratepayers? And what percentage of the GWRC rates income comes from the Wellington CBD businesses?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

The Wellington City Territorial Authority is the biggest by volume of rate payers in the Wellington Region, currently having 82,530 (out of 216,483) rateable units. It also has the highest capital values in the region, which is the basis for many of our rates to be applied.

For the 2025/26 rating year, the total rates expected to be collected for Greater Wellington Regional Council is \$249,032,917. Wellington City ratepayers contribute approximately 51 percent of rates totalling \$140,644,006 (excl. GST and bulk water levies).

From those rates expected to be collected, the Wellington CBD rating category contributes approximately 36 percent, totalling \$50,640,925 (excl. GST and bulk water levies).

Wellington City’s share of the Greater Wellington rates may appear to be disproportionate to the volume of rateable units across the region, however, Councillors have carefully considered and determined who pays what through our Revenue and Financing Policy, which is reviewed regularly to ensure it is fair and compliant.

For a more comprehensive breakdown of the rates, particularly to understand the ‘cents in the dollar’ calculations as well as the range of rates, please refer to our ‘Setting of Wellington

Regional Council Rates for 2025/26' (report 2025.254), approved by council on 26 June 2025. You can find it online: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2025/06/Council-26-June-2025-Order-Paper-Public-v2.pdf> (page106).

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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