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| Request from: | Tabitha Lorke – NZ Taxpayers' Union |
| Information requested: | Travel Statistics 2018/19 financial year |
| Response from: | Simon Bastion, Chief Executive |

03 December 2019

Tabitha Lorke
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

Via Email:

Dear Tabitha

Official information request for Travel statistics for Westland District Council for the 2018/19 financial year.

I refer to your official information request dated 20 November 2019 for travel statistics for Westland District Council for the 2018/19 financial year.

You have asked for the following information:

Domestic travel

- 1. The total spend on all domestic flights flown by your Council in the 2018/2019 financial year.**

I can advise you for the 2018/19 financial year (01 July 2018 – 30 June 2019) a total of \$28,280.25 excluding G.S.T was spent on domestic flights. This is including any administration/booking fees from the travel provider.

- 2. The total number of domestic flights flown in the same period. (One flight means one way, return flight = 2 flights)**

A total of 182 flights were taken in the 2018/2019 financial year. Please note when more than one flight is needed to reach a destination, each leg has been counted as one flight, e.g. when travelling to Wellington from Hokitika, 2 flights are taken, Hokitika – Christchurch – Wellington.

International travel

- 3. The total spend on all international flights flown in the 2018/2019 financial year;**
- 4. A list of each international itinerary flown in the same period, including the:**
 - a. Destination**
 - b. Reason for travel**
 - c. Travel class flown**
 - d. The number of travellers on each trip**

5. Costs for each international itinerary, please also provide details of all associated:

- a. Entertainment expenses**
- b. Food**
- c. Accommodation (including the number of nights stayed in each place)**
- d. Conference costs**
- e. Transport and transfers**
- f. (including any expense reimbursement)**

6. For each international itinerary, please tell us if a domestic partner also travelled with the official, and what the council paid for, if they paid for anything.

Please provide all costs GST exclusive.

I can advise that no international travel has been taken in the 2018/2019 financial year.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Maitland, Executive Assistant on LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a trailing line.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive