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From: Official Information  
Sent: Friday, 13 May 2016 4:21 p.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: LGOIMA 16/0110 response - [REDACTED] - Dog attacks

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 14 April 2016. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- "a) *The number of dog attacks on people, within the council's territorial authority, for the years 2014 and 2015 including...*
- *The street of each attack*
  - *The age and gender of each victim*
  - *The date of each attack*
  - *The breed of the dog which was involved in each attack*
- b) *For each of the attacks on people in 2014 and 2015, what was the punitive outcome for the owner and dog?*
- c) *We are happy to receive raw incident reports with private information redacted if this would make the task less onerous.*
- d) *How many field animal management officers in Christchurch are rostered on during a working day?*
- e) *How many field animal management officers in Christchurch are rostered on during a weekend or public holiday?*
- f) *How much revenue did the council earn from dog registration fees in 2015?*
- g) *Could we please have specific break down of what this money was spent on."*

#### Release of information

In response to parts d-g of your request:

- d) *How many field animal management officers in Christchurch are rostered on during a working day?*

The Council employs ten field officers who manage dog and stock related complaints, with one further senior officer.

From Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, eight Animal Management Officers manage all dog and stock related complaints, enforcement and education. Two further Animal Management Officers work from 11.00 am to 8.00 pm.

Animal Management Officers are rostered 24 hours a day, so they are able to respond within ten minutes to any reports classified as priority 1, including dog attacks or biting, and dogs at large and rushing at people.

- e) *How many field animal management officers in Christchurch are rostered on during a weekend or public holiday?*

On weekends and public holidays, two Animal Management Officers are rostered on. One works from 8.00 am until 4.30 pm and the second works from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm. Both are on standby to cover priority 1 calls (dog attacks, stock on roads etc) from 6.00 pm until 8.30 am the next day.

- f) *How much revenue did the council earn from dog registration fees in 2015?*

\$1,391,293

- g) *Could we please have specific break down of what this money was spent on.*

Dog registration 2015/16 budget	\$1,391,293
Dog Shelter	- \$258,960
Dog Operations and Administration	-\$1,113,456

The remaining \$18,877 was kept in the Dog Control fund account in accordance with section 9 of the Dog Control Act 1996. The Council does not use the dog control funds for anything else other than for dog control activities.

We have also already provided you with the street names for the 250 bite complaints from 2015.

#### Refusal of part of request

As we have previously indicated to you, we are refusing parts a-c of your request, under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA – the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Due to privacy concerns, the Council was not prepared to grant access to the unredacted dog reports, and the estimated time for staff to redact the reports, or extract the information sought, was upwards of 100 hours.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

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