

22 March 2016

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Emailed to: requests@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Mr Williams

Official Information Request Response

Thank you for your information request, received on 22 February 2016, requesting information regarding the Wellington Airport Runway extension. I have been asked to assist with your request.

In your request, you asked the following:

We request any analysis or advice held by the mayor or officials since 1 January 2015:

1. On the airport's regulatory framework;

In their capacity as the Mayor and Councillors of Wellington City, there is no analysis or advice with respect to the airport's regulatory framework held by the Council's elected members.

As a member of the board of Wellington International Airport Limited, the Mayor may have had access to information in that role. Any such information is not subject to the terms of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as it is not held by the Mayor in her role as Mayor of Wellington City.

2. On the risk of higher landing charges for domestic operators (including the economic effects of this); and

The price setting regime governed by the Commerce Act does not allow grant funds to be applied to an airports regulated asset base for the purposes of setting user charges. Therefore any monies applied to the Runway Extension Project from local or central government sources outside of any shareholding arrangement are unable to be recovered from users of Wellington Airport. In principle existing users would not pay for the extension unless they use it

3. On any economic reports on the runway extension.

Since January 2015 the only economic report that has been produced with respect to the runway extension is the Cost Benefit Analysis report produced by Sapere, this report is available online on the connect wellington website. The

other economic reports and peer reviews produced by EY and InterVistas were before January 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Brown', with a long, sweeping underline.

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