

13 September 2021

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Re: Money spent on illegal dumping

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 16 August 2021. You requested the following information:

- The amount of money spent on cleaning up illegally dumped rubbish/flytips across Wellington in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and in 2021 to June 30
- The weight/volume of illegally dumped rubbish/flytips cleaned up from across Wellington in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and in 2021 to June 30

Majority of illegal dumping falls in to lump sum activities, so we are unable to provide the information in the format you have requested. Therefore, your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Act [information not held].

We can provide some estimates though. The estimated cost of removing illegal dumping is approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000 annually. Included in this is dumped material, contaminated recycling, and bags put on the street on the wrong day and not taken.

An estimate of the weight involved would be over 1,000 tonnes annually.

Wellington City Council tries several approaches to educate the public on illegal dumping, including signs, letters, door knocks and fines.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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