

06 September 2022

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Councillor expenses and towing

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 08 August 2022.

You requested the following information:

- The amount councillors have claimed in expenses and allowances over the last term (3 years) in office, if possible whether the allowance was used or not as well.
- The number of vehicles towed in clearways across Wellington over the last 12 month broken down into what easiest to report, either monthly or weekly and the streets that the towing occurred, like Adelaide Road,

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

If councillors do not receive equipment provided by the Council, they are entitled to claim for the following equipment if they have purchased it:

- Use of a personal computer \$150
- Use of an electronic tablet \$150
- Use of a printer \$40
- Use of a mobile phone \$60
- Internet connection \$250

Councillors can also receive \$400 annually for council-related toll and mobile phone charges. The total amount payable to a member must not exceed \$1,050 annually.

Please see the below table outlining the allowances paid to Councillors over the last triennium. Further information on the allowances available can be found in our [Candidate's Handbook](#) on our website.

Name	Amount paid over triennium
Mayor Foster	\$700
Deputy Mayor Free	\$800
Councillor Calvert	\$800
Councillor Condie	\$600
Councillor Day:	\$800
Councillor Fitzsimons	\$800
Councillor Foon	\$600
Councillor Matthews:	\$600
Councillor O'Neil	\$600
Councillor Pannet	\$800
Councillor Paul	\$1,320
Councillor Rush	\$600
Councillor Woolf	\$800
Councillor Young	\$800
Councillor Matthews	\$600
Councillor O'Neil	\$600

Please see the below regarding data on the number of vehicles towed from clearways between July 2021 – June 2022. Please note that this includes tickets issued to clearways with a tow fee and excludes both cancelled and superseded ticket status. This also does not include clearway-like offences such as the Adelaide Rd bus lane, as it is not a clear way.

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	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
BOLTON STREET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
BOWEN STREET	6	2	8	16	13	27	12	3	8	15	16	20
FEATHERSTON STREET	18	8	11	15	17	13	15	15	16	19	11	15
HUTT ROAD	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MAJORIBANKS STREET	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
MOLESWORTH STREET	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
MOXHAM AVENUE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MULGRAVE STREET	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
RIDDIFORD ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARK STREET	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
TARANAKI STREET	5	8	2	3	7	0	6	4	0	5	11	4
THE TERRACE	10	4	10	8	14	14	9	0	4	8	8	16
THORNDON QUAY	7	4	1	2	2	0	0	2	3	4	0	0
TINAKORI ROAD	8	3	2	8	10	5	4	3	7	3	5	1
VICTORIA STREET	3	0	0	1	3	2	3	0	0	2	1	3
WILLIS STREET	9	5	1	3	7	3	3	4	2	7	8	4
Monthly total	70	39	37	59	80	65	52	32	43	67	62	68

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.

Kind regards

Claudia Holgate
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