

From: [BUS: Assurance](#)
To:
Subject: RE: New information request
Date: Friday, 2 December 2022 10:13:40 am

Kia ora

Thank you for your below information request. Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

- 1. Please advise the number of approved positions carrying out the functions of Dog Control Officer. I understand that Animal Services operates in Hutt City and Wellington City for both Councils, and if it is difficult to report for WCC separately, Animal Services total date is OK.***

There are six approved Dog Control Officer (DCO) positions in both Hutt City and Wellington City Council. Currently there are five full time DCOs in each council, with one vacant position in each to be filled.

- 2. Please advise if WCC/Animal Services is a Council owned and managed entity. Does WCC/Animal Services contract out any enforcement functions to third parties?***

Animal services are managed and owned by Hutt City Council. Our afterhours service is contracted out to a private contractor - Valley Animal Services

- 3. Please advise the actual number of Dog Control Officers employed by Animal Services/WCC whose primary role is Dog Control at 30-June-2022.***

Five

- 4. Please advise the length of service for each Dog Control Officer employed at 30-June-2022 as included in 3.***

- 24 years
- 17 years
- 14 years
- 3 years
- 2 years 10months

- 5. Please advise the number of Dog Control Officers primarily carrying out Dog Control included in 3 above that are also warranted to carry out other enforcement activities. (e.g. Noise control, litter control, parking etc.)***

One pound keeper and four deputies to carry work under the Impounding Act 1955.

- 6. Please advise the number of WCC enforcement staff primarily carrying out other enforcement activities (not included in 2) who are also warranted to carry out Dog Control.***

Zero.

- 7. For each of the last five years ending 30 June, please advise the following information in each instance for a situation where a person suffers a minor injury* from a dog (with no prior prosecution history) where the incident occurs when the person bitten has***

come onto the dog owners fully enclosed property. (*In this instance, minor injury means no hospitalisation, no medical treatment and the person suffering the bite continues their day uninterrupted.)

We do not collect statistics on attacks on people's property where a dog is contained and are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act.

Ngā mihi
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[To facilitate comparison with data received from other Councils, it would be appreciated if you could provide the information in tabular format. Column 1 Date of Incident Column 2 Sanction (Prosecution, Infringement Notice, Warning, In Progress etc.) Column 3 Explanation for different sanction from Normal]

Thanks

Is your request urgent?

No

If your request is urgent, please tell us why

Upload files to support your request (optional)