

13 July 2022

File Ref: OIAP-7-24693

By email: [REDACTED]

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### **Request for information 2022-099**

I refer to your request for information dated 7 July, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 7 July. You have requested the following:

“I understand that there has been a change in the cost of possum bait stations and baits since the beginning of the year.

Please could you provide the individual cost of possum bait stations and bait packs, according to the prices that were in force in the period from 1 December 2021 to 31 January 2022.

Please could you also advise the reason for the recent increase in prices of bait stations and baits.

And please also break down the current costs of bait stations and baits.”

### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

The general cost of materials across various sectors have increased due in part to supply issues, the rise in petrol prices as well as freight and delivery costs. Greater Wellington only pass on increases as they are received from suppliers and we do try to hold freight costs as much as possible, however some items do need to be recovered.

We also do not hold large amounts of stock so the prices can fluctuate month to month depending on what the supplier charges at the time of purchase.

We do work with suppliers for items where we buy in bulk, such as pestoff possum pellets (20p), which we buy by the ton and can then on sell to customers for \$42.00 per 10kg bag whereas most farm stores they would retail between \$90-\$110.

| BAIT PRICELIST                      |      |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock Description                   | Unit | Price (inc. GST)<br>As at June 2021 | Price (inc. GST)<br>As at July 2022 |
| Pestoff Possum Pellets (20p)        | 10kg | 42.00                               | 42.00                               |
| Pelifeed Bait Station & Cap         | 1    | 21.50                               | 21.50                               |
| Pelifeed Metal Bracket              | 1    | 5.00                                | 5.00                                |
| Pelifeed Cap                        | 1    | 5.00                                | 5.00                                |
| Pelifeed Bait Station Cap & Bracket | 1    | 26.50                               | 26.50                               |
| Sentry Plus Bait Station            | 1    | 12.00                               | 12.00                               |
| Sentry Bait Station (small)         | 1    | 10.00                               | 10.00                               |
| Kilmore Bait Station                | 1    | 15.50                               | 15.50                               |
| Philproof Bait Station (large)      | 1    | 20.00                               | 20.00                               |

As you can see from the table above, general possum bait and bait stations have not increased over the last year. Greater Wellington occasionally supply other possum bait types that are not readily available to the public and are sold on a case-by-case basis. These baits are charged at the cost we pay to the supplier, there is no mark-up.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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