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Tēnā koe 

### **Request for information 2023-094**

I refer to your request for information dated 24 April 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 24 April 2023. You have requested the following:

*“A NZTA document on the public transport concession scheme for SuperGold Card holders, dated 18 September 2008, indicates that regional councils have to “provide NZTA with monthly reports covering patronage numbers, mode, operator claim costs and information on travel times or other travel data if possible” (<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/general-circulars/docs/08-09.pdf>).*

*I was therefore wondering if I could request the following information as a LGIOMA request please:*

*May I have copies of the monthly reports since 2018 if they are available please?*

*If they are not available are you able to provide:*

*The total number of SuperGold card trips taken in the region (every year since 2018), by transport mode if possible.*

*The total funding received by the regional council from NZTA for SuperGold card transport concessions every year since 2018.*

*Thank you very much for your help, and please do let me know if you need any further clarifications.”*

**Greater Wellington's response follows:**

*1. Copies of the monthly reports since 2018*

Your request for the monthly reports to Waka Kotahi covering patronage numbers, mode, operator claim costs and information on travel times or other travel data, is refused under Section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

When making the decision to refuse under Section 17(e) we are required to consider consulting the requestor. In this instance, we do not believe that consulting will change our decision to your request.

Rather than sending monthly reports through to Waka Kotahi, the information is updated in a Waka Kotahi portal each month.

*2. The total number of SuperGold card trips taken in the region since 2018*

Please see **Attachment 1** which contains the data relating to SuperGold boardings by mode by month from January 2018 until March 2023.

*3. Total funding received by Greater Wellington from NZTA for SuperGold concessions since 2018*

Please see the below table which presents the total funding received from Waka Kotahi for SuperGold card transport concessions since 2018.

<b>Financial Year (1 July to 30 June)</b>				
<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
\$7,657,038	\$8,307,841	\$7,157,271	\$7,137,244	\$8,462,2689

Note that SuperGold funding is paid to Greater Wellington annually in advance and apportioned over the financial year.

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 Act.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "sugan".

**Samantha Gain**

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