

## Keeley Faulkner

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**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 April 2023 12:09 pm  
**To:** S 7(2)(a)@taxpayers.org.nz  
**Cc:** Official Information  
**Subject:** Final Response - LGOIMA 314510 - S 7(2)(a)/ NZ Taxpayers Union - Expenditure on mayoral/council cars

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

**Your Request 1:**

How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?

**Our Response 1:**

Hamilton City Council owns 1 car that is used by the Mayor.

**Your Request 2:**

How many cars does your council own that are used by the Chief executive?

**Our Response 2:**

Hamilton City Council leases (not owns) 1 car that is used by the Chief Executive.

**Your Request 3:**

How many cars are owned that are to be used by any other members of the council's executive leadership?

**Our Response 3:**

Three of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) have individual employment agreements which include the use of a Council-leased vehicle. The rest of the Executive Leadership Team are unknown.

**Your Request 4:**

How many times has the council rented cars for any elected members in the year to date?

**Our Response 4:**

Hamilton City Council has not organised any rental cars for Elected Members in the year to date.

**Your Request 5:**

What are the costs of purchasing, leasing, maintenance, fuel or any other related costs of each of the aforementioned answers?

**Our Response 5:**

Hamilton City Council is currently going through contract updates for the four leased vehicles so costs will change. Please see below for the costs to date:

Mayor's vehicle:

Vehicle Fringe Benefit Tax value/ asset price: \$62,684.39

Running costs Year to Date (YTD) maintenance: \$463

Power Electric Vehicle charge/costs: through Payroll on reimbursement or General Ledger code information for YTD

ELT vehicles: All leased

Vehicle 1.  
Lease cost YTD: \$9120  
Maintenance YTD: \$2,334  
Fuel YTD: \$2056

Vehicle 2.  
Lease cost YTD: \$9264  
Maintenance YTD: \$0  
Fuel YTD: \$2389

Vehicle 3.  
Lease cost YTD: \$5760  
Maintenance YTD: \$0  
Fuel YTD: \$1,177

Vehicle 4.  
Lease cost YTD: \$7017  
Maintenance YTD: \$0  
Fuel YTD: 1,861

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** **S 7(2)(a)** [@taxpayers.org.nz](mailto:@taxpayers.org.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 March 2023 2:43 pm  
**Subject:** Expenditure on mayoral/council cars

This is a request for Official Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act of 1987 in relation to expenditure on mayoral/council cars

We request the following information:

- How many cars does your council own that are used by the mayor?
- How many cars does your council own that are used by the Chief executive?
- How many cars are owned that are to be used by any other members of the council's executive leadership?
- How many times has the council rented cars for any elected members in the year to date?

- What are the costs of purchasing, leasing, maintenance, fuel or any other related costs of each of the aforementioned answers?

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.

In any place where possible, data that can be presented in an excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation e.g. PDF. To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this email address. Please refer to "expenditure on mayoral cars" in the subject line.

Best,

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