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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 22 November 2023 for information regarding Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)'s use of vehicles, taxis and ride-sharing apps.

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed.

However, information relating to the number of kilometres travelled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year has been refused under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

1. What was the department's taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?

The total expenditure for taxis was **\$81,238.99**

2. What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?

The total expenditure for ridesharing apps was **\$4,150.24**

- a. If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi.

N/A.

3. What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?

The total expenditure on public transport was **\$529.00**

4. What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?

The total spend for rental cars for the period was **\$34,501.35**

LINZ does not own any vehicles. See the table below for the running costs of LINZ leased vehicles for the period.

Petrol cost (\$)	5,600
Registration/lease cost (\$)	35,000
Total cost (\$)	40,600

5. Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?

No. Please refer to **Attachment 1 – Sensitive Expenditure Policy** (section 4.6, page 9) for policies on the use of ride-sharing apps.

6. Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?

No. Please refer to **Attachment 1 – Sensitive Expenditure Policy** (section 4.6, page 9) for policies on the use of ride-sharing apps.

7. If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.

Please refer to **Attachment 1 – Sensitive Expenditure Policy** (section 4.6, page 9) for policies on the use of ride-sharing apps and taxis.

LINZ does not default taxis or ride-sharing apps. It is a personal choice of the staff member to decide which option to use depending on availability and cost at the time.

8. Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?

LINZ has not purchased any vehicles in the 2022/23 financial year.

9. What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?

LINZ does not own any vehicles.

LINZ currently leases 3 vehicles; the running costs for the 2022/2023 period are below:

Petrol cost (\$)	5,600
Registration/lease cost (\$)	35,000
Total cost (\$)	40,600

10. Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometres travelled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year.


LINZ does not compile this information and to do so would involve substantial collation and research, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ella Sharp, Senior Business Specialist, on esharp@linz.govt.nz

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by 31 January 2024

Nāku noa, nā



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