

12 December 2019

Response to official information request for Fuel Card Audits

I refer to your request for official information received 14 November 2019 relating to fuel card audits. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. Did the Audit system that picked up the frequent fuel card use by the former Mayor (Mike Tana), also pick up the frequent fuel card use by the PCC CEO, who used the fuel card several times over the period of 2 or 3 days?

If it did, was the CEO required to provide an explanation of that use? And if the CEO was required to provide an explanation, what where the explanations provided.

- Fuel use for the Chief Executive's car was reviewed with all others but not classified as exceptional use

2. Does the Fuel card audit system, look at all Fuel cards used by PCC?

- Yes, fuel card audits look at all fuel cards (data is reviewed by vehicle registration and not driver identification)

3. Please provide a list of all times that PCC Fuel cards, have been used more than once in a 3 day period, for the period Jan 1 2018 to October 30, 2019.

- From 1/1/18-30/10/19 there were 720 events where a vehicle fuelled up within a three day period

Breakdown of the petrol cars that recorded transactions within a three day period:

2018

- Ex Mayors 80 fuel transactions 20 within a three day period
- Chief Executive's 57 transactions four within a three day period
- Chief Financial Officer's 36 transactions three within a three day period

2019

- Ex Mayors 76 transactions 19 within a three day period
- Chief Executive's 38 transactions three within a three day period
- Chief Financial Officer's 35 transactions one within a three day period
- If you need any clarification on the figures please ask.

There were 5092 fuel transactions over that period. Forty-two vehicles over that period had fuel transactions within a three day period of which only three were petrol cars.

On reviewing the transactions, the use is within expected parameters for the type of vehicle being fuelled and its mileage with exception of the Mayor's car. We started auditing petrol card usage in 2019 following a recommendation from KPMG audit into sensitive expenditure.

The Mayor's car was the first instance since that time of frequent transactions without an obvious rationale.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Hannah Henderson, email: Hannah.henderson@porirua.govt.nz.

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