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Official information requests to Wellington Water Limited: private use of vehicles

Thank you for your request received on 1 May 2025 asking:

“How many staff have used company vehicles for private use in the past 3 years. How many staff have a company car as part of their employment package?”

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). The response to your request is provided as follows:

Wellington Water Staff are assigned vehicles based on operational needs; no staff have cars as part of their employment package. Vehicles have primary drivers that take their assigned vehicles home with them. All drivers sign a letter to say they will not use their vehicles for personal use. We allow staff to use their vehicles for reasonable use like stopping at the grocery store on their way home from work as long as it's on the way home.

Staff on call may use their vehicle while they're on call in case they get a call out. We do not consider this personal use as they're required to be able to respond quickly for a call out. We have a record of one driver using a vehicle for personal use in the last three years, used outside of what is described as reasonable use above.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

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Chief Corporate Services Officer