

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Dog Policy Review Queries Ref: 030/24
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 15 March 2024 around BDC dog policy information.

The information you have requested is marked below in red:

1. How many Animal Control Officers (ACO's) do you currently employ to look after dog enforcement? **3**
2. How are your ACOs funded? Is this through dog registration fees or general rates? Or a mixture? **Mixture**
3. How do you generally fund physical assets (i.e. fencing, signage, poo bag stations) at dog exercise areas? **Fencing and repairs to building have been funded from other property GL. No funding for exercise areas and we do not have bag stations.**
4. How do you fund the depreciation of these physical assets? **The annual depreciation of around \$10k forecast to increase to \$13k is funded from a mix of external revenues and general rates in line with the Revenue and Financing Policy split per question 6**
5. If easily available, do you know how much the councils approximately spends on dog exercise areas per annum? **0**
6. What is your Revenue and Finance Policy split for animal related activities? (i.e. what percentage is funded from rates and what percentage comes from dog registration fees). **Animal Activities are split into two different categories:**
 1. Animal Control – Dogs which the policy from our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Revenue and Financing Policy states should be funded between 30-40% from general rates and 60-70% from dog fees,
 2. Animal Control – Stock Control which is 90-98% general rate funded and 2-10% funded from fees.

If possible, the BDC Animal Compliance team would be interested to see the results of your question across all Councils

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 contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

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Kind regards

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