

LGOIMA Response to [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on Wednesday 4 September 2024. You asked for the following:

*An explanation of the difference in the number of rating units recorded in the 2024/25 Annual Plan compared to those in the 2023/24 Annual Plan, namely:*

- *Gore now has 5,713 Rating Units. Compared to 23/24 this is an increase of 1,630 a 40% increase.*
- *The number of UAGC's are recorded as 4,093 an increase of 239 a 6.2% increase.*
- *Strangely the water connections have decreased and are recorded as 4,129.5 a decrease of 228.5 a 5.2% decrease*
- *Waste water also decreased are recorded as 4,904 a decrease of 257 a 5% decrease.*

I have compiled the following information:

Staff recommend referring to the movement in overall totals rather than the individual ones for each general area/ward.

	# Rating Units	# UAGC	# Water Connections	# Wastewater connections
2024/25 Annual Plan	8,381	6,720	5,150	6,154
2023/24 Annual Plan	6,728	6,691	5,256	6,229
Movement (#)	1,653	29 -	107 -	76
Movement (%)	25%	0%	-2%	-1%

The significant movement in the number of rating units relates to the non-rateable properties being included in the overall figures for the 2024/25 Annual Plan information, whereas in the past they had been excluded.

The overall movement in UAGCs is only 29 properties, and this can be explained by a number of subdivided sections that have been undertaken in the past 12 months.

The movements between the various areas/wards is the result of an internal review and data cleansing exercise to ensure that properties were being captured in the correct ward.

For the water connections the difference is that the 2024/25 Annual Plan has only reported connected water, and not included serviceable but not connected properties. Had the serviceable properties been included the figure would have been 5,255 connections.

For wastewater connections, the report has inadvertently left off the Waikaka and Pukerau connections. Had these been included the total figure would be 6,258 connections.

The table below shows what the amended comparison would look like for water and wastewater connections.

Amended	# Rating Units	# UAGC	# Water Connections	# Wastewater connections
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If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 209-0330.

Kind regards



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