

Response to Packaging Forum

29 February 2024

Dear Carole

Thank you for your information request on 31 January, in which you asked for:

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/commingled + rubbish)
2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
3. Cost of the kerbside collection
4. Cost of MRF process
5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue

The Gore District Council offers a kerbside collection service to properties in Gore and Mataura. There are a total of 4,878 rating units in these two urban areas.

In 2020, the Council significantly reduced its kerbside recycling options offered to the community. Those changes were forced by collapsing markets for recyclable product, a contentious and ultimately abandoned tender process for kerbside recycling and a lack of Government direction on waste minimisation initiatives.

As a result, only glass is currently recycled at the kerbside. We also have kerbside residual waste collection. There are cardboard and aluminium can collection points at Gore's transfer station. The Council also supports a local service club's collection and recycling operation for cardboard and aluminium.

The annual cost for our kerbside collection service for the 2022/23 financial year was \$1,742,758 for waste disposal and \$272,016 for recycling. We do not hold any information in relation to questions four and five.

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>

Kind regards

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Sonia Gerken

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