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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 28 January 2025. You have asked for details and costs of the support given to the Aviation Centre.

There is a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust (CAHT) and Gore District Council (GDC).

Under this MOU, the management of the CAHT front-of-house facility at Mandeville falls under the stewardship of GDC.

GDC is responsible for:

- the employment of a front-of-house manager and any other front-of-house staff
- providing tools, equipment, expertise and assistance with the installation of displays and exhibitions
- providing a telephone and a computer with wireless broadband facilities (the services fees and charges for these items are paid for by CAHT)
- provision of EFTPOS facilities to receive admissions and sales
- external signage and promotion of the facility as a tourist attraction
- annual infrastructure grant of \$6,000 + GST
- the licence fee for use of front-of-house facilities in order that appropriate exhibitions, functions and activities might be undertaken and overseen by GDC staff

GDC receives income derived from admissions, exhibitions and associated merchandise conducted in the front of house reception area to assist in covering the cost of staff employed by GDC.

Any surplus received over and above the cost of staff provided in any given financial year is to be shared equally between the CAHT and GDC.

The following table provides the review and expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year.

**Table 1: GDC revenue and expenditure relating to CAHT for the 2023/24 financial year**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Admission fees revenue	34,605
Income from retail sale of stock	1,726
Income from agency sales returned	(1,480)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>34,851</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Personnel costs	53,000
Licence fee for use of front-of-house facilities	15,322
Annual infrastructure grant	6,000
Other expenses	690
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>75,012</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(40,161)</b>

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 03) 209-0330.

Kind regards



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