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Request from:	Laura Mills – Greymouth Star
Information requested:	Overdue rating information
Response by:	Scott Baxendale, Acting Chief Executive

25 October 2024

Laura Mills
Greymouth Star

Via Email: laura.mills@greystar.co.nz

Dear Laura

Official information request for overdue rating information

I refer to your official information request dated 24 October 2024 for overdue rating information.

You have asked for the following information:

1. How much are you owed in overdue rates?

\$177,535.23 – Less than 1% of total rates charges.

2. How many households are over a year overdue?

133 – 0.02% of rates database of 6685.

3. How many are over two years overdue?

28.

4. What is your longest overdue rates? How many years?

2019 – 6 Years.

5. What measure do you take to collect overdue rates?

- We follow the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 Section 59 to 83B for the collection of overdue rates.
- Notice of overdue rates through penalty letter, and email.
- Second reminder letter
- Final Notice advised, contact by phone or email, if possible first.
- Send to debt collection or mortgage collection.
- If debt is over 7 years, we can start an abandoned land sale process.

6. Are overdue rates totals increasing, decreasing or stable?

Slight increase.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Baxendale', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive

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