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Request from:	Oliver Bryan – NZ Taxpayers' Union
Information requested:	Staff sick days and resignations statistics
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

10 May 2023

Oliver Bryan
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

Via Email: oliver@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Oliver

Official information request for sick days and resignation statistics for the previous 3 financial years

I refer to your official information request dated 01 May for sick days and resignation statistics for the previous 3 financial years.

You have asked for the following information:

1. For 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) broken down by year, please provide:

- a. Staff sickness absence figures for each department in the Council

Sick leave taken (Days)	Year ending 30 June 2021	Year ending 30 June 2022	Year to date 30 April 2023
	202.00	289.08	411.48

We have decided to refuse the breakdown of the of sick days by department under Section 7(2)(a) to protect to privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

- b. The average departmental sickness days against departmental sickness targets.

Westland District Council does not have a target for sick days.

2. For 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) broken down by year please provide:

- a. Number of resignations within each department in the Council. If you do not collate resignation figures for each department, please provide figures for the Council as a whole.

Number of resignations	Year ending 30 June 2021	Year ending 30 June 2022	Year to date 30 April 2023
	11	13	5

We have decided to refuse the breakdown of the of the number of resignations by department under Section 7(2)(a) to protect to privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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.

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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 purple ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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