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Request from:	Oliver Bryan – NZ Taxpayers' Union
Information requested:	Music licences owned by Westland District Council
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

27 April 2023

Oliver Bryan
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

Via Email: oliver@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Oliver

Official information request for music licences owned by Westland District Council

I refer to your official information request dated 20 April 2023 for music licences owned by Westland District Council.

You have asked for the following information:

1. Does your organisation hold a music license for its various offices and buildings?

Destination Westland, a CCO of Westland District Council holds the licences.

2. Does your organisation require multiple music licenses for different buildings?

Yes – 3.

3. How much does your organisation pay for each of its music licenses?

Destination Westland pays \$1,046.92 excluding GST is paid for the 3 licences. A 1 off licence fee yearly for the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival. In the 2021, \$4,092.56 excluding GST was paid.

4. Who provides your music licenses?

APRA New Zealand Limited trading as OneMusic

5. Why do you have the licenses? Is music played in general staff areas, to staff at their desks, in staff training sessions, at conferences or to callers on hold?

Music is played in public areas in 3 departments of Destination Westland. Hokitika Visitor Information Centre, Hokitika Airport, Hokitika Swimming Pool. Music is also played at the Hokitika Wildfoods festival annually.

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

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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