

From: [LGOIMA](#)
To: Section 7(2)(a) - Protection of Privacy
Subject: RE: LGOIMA Request - Waste and Recycling Data - Reference 1707 Wednesday,
Date: 28 February 2024 1:25:27 pm

Kia ora,

I refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2024. The information you have requested is below:

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)

As at 1 January 2024 Tasman District Council services 20,975 properties. This total will include some commercial properties within the recycling area. Tasman District Council offers separate Glass collections in 45 / 60 litre crates, Co-mingled recycling in 240 litre bins and a prepaid rubbish bag service.

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)

The following is the split of total recycling received (which includes materials dropped off direct by residents and commercial customers direct):

Quantity	Fraction of Total including glass
Paper / Cardboard	32.3%
PET Clear	3.5%
PET Coloured	0.3%
HDPE Milk	1.4%
Janitorial HDPE	0.8%
HDPE White Milk	0.1%
Polypropylene	0.9%
Tin cans	2.7%
Aluminium cans	1.4%
Waste	7.5%
Total MRF	50.8%
Glass	49.2%
Total Including Glass	100.0%

3. Cost of the kerbside collection

In response to part 3 and 4 of your request:

The total operating cost of kerbside collections for Tasman District Council and MRF operations for the year ending June 2023 was \$3,023,702. This total includes interest, staff costs and overheads, and net revenue from commodity sales but excludes depreciation. The MRF operating costs also include some processing costs for Nelson City Council and commercial customers. There were no capital costs in the year ending June 2023.

4. **Cost of MRF process**

As above

5. **Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue**

In the year ending December 2023 all plastics that we dispatched were dispatched to New Zealand re-processors.

In response to part 5 of your request, shipment/port costs and revenue information has been withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) as it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

If you are not satisfied with Council's response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Legal and Democracy Services team on lgoima@tasman.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely
Legal Services Officer
