

6 March 2026

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Sent via email to ██████████

Request for Official Information LG26-0044 - Wānaka Airport Net Cost

Dear ████████,

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 16 February 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **Could you please provide details of the total annual net cost to QLDC for the operation and maintenance of Wānaka Airport, after taking into account income from the airport? Please provide total income from airport operations, and total expenses related to the airport.**

QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Finance Team.

Decision to release information

The total income generated from operations at Wānaka Airport is \$1,248,000 (excluding GST). Total operating expenses amount to \$1,649,262 (excluding GST), in addition to a loan repayment of \$250,000 (excluding GST). This results in an operational deficit of \$651,261 (excluding GST).

This deficit will be recovered through the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC), a rating mechanism applied across the entire QLDC catchment area.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz (Engagement and Communications Manager).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,
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