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Dear 

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on 7 March 2025 that asks for the following information.

- *Year in which the current peafowl were introduced to the aviary to the public gardens*
- *What is the timeframe of the long-term plan for the upgrades to the aviary*
- *What are the structural and or environmental, upgrades advanced in the long-term plan and what deficits of the current aviary are they intended to rectify*
- *What is the time frame in the long-term plan for the construction of the new aviary*
- *The minutes of any and all community wellbeing meetings or any other venue where the topic of the aviary has been addressed since my first contact with gore district council, circa November/December 2023 or the dates for those live streamed.*

I can advise that within the FY 2026/27 year, a new garden toilet facility is planned, and the Council are considering how this could integrate with both the aviary's current and future plans.

The Council does not hold any information about when the current peafowl were introduced into the aviary within the Gore Public Gardens.

Additionally, there have been no Council or Community Wellbeing Committee meetings where the topic of the aviary has been raised. Therefore I refuse these two parts of your request under section 17(e) as the information you are requesting does not exist.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact me on 03 209-0330.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Straith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lornae Straith
General Manager Corporate Support / Chief Financial Officer