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Dear Julie Nevin

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to part one of your official information request for “*what the response cost civil defense (and other responding organisations, if possible)*” to “*put out the fires around Pigeon Valley, Tasman this summer*”. This request was partially transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 1 May 2019.

MPI incurred the following costs in responding to the Tasman Fires, which are released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Summary of MPI Costs on Tasman Fires Response February 2019	
Description	Amount
MPI staff costs	\$268,595
Support costs	\$95,351
Travel, Accommodation, Property and other costs	\$50,783
Total Response	\$414,729

Staff costs have been estimated based on hours reported by the 52 MPI staff and contractors involved in the response, including specialist veterinarians and animal welfare experts. The support costs reflect the funding provided to the Tasman District Council and the Top of the South Rural Support Trust to assist them in helping farmers to protect stock and recover from the damage caused by the fires. Please note that all amounts include an additional twenty percent to reflect the costs which are still being processed or are yet to be filed.

Yours sincerely

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