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By email: fyi-request-10396-1fb176b8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Emmy

Information Request - NZ Minerals Forum, Dunedin Request

I refer to your official information request dated 31 May 2019 for NZ Minerals Forum, Dunedin Request.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* the information you requested.

1. In what capacity were Fire and Emergency personnel present at the NZ Minerals Forum in Dunedin?

Under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 – Subpart 4 – FENZ's principal objectives, functions, and operation principals and Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire Safety, Evacuation Procedures, and Evacuation Schemes) Regulations 2018 – Part 1 – Section 5 (1) (a) the means of escape are kept clear of obstacles at all times; and (b) exit doors are unlocked and free from barriers or blockages so that the building occupants can leave the building in the event of a fire emergency.

2. Who authorised the deployment of these personnel?

AAC Craig Geddes - On-call executive officer for Fire and Emergency NZ - Otago

3. Was the deployment of Fire and Emergency personnel requested by another organisation? If so, by which organisation?

Yes | Police

4. Was the deployment of Fire and Emergency personnel to the NZ Minerals Forum planned ahead of time? If so, when?

No

5. With what training are Fire and Emergency personnel provided to deal with situations like the NZ Minerals Forum blockade?

All Fire and Emergency frontline personnel are required to complete training in accordance with - Operational Instruction – (IS9) Working Near Civil Disturbances – Frequency – 24months

6. In the last 10 years, how often have Fire and Emergency personnel been deployed in protest or blockade situations? Please break this information down by city and by year.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand don't keep specific data that relates to this type of incident. This incident was coded as "Assist Police". I can advise that Fire and Emergency NZ attended approximately 672 incidents coded "Assist Police" over the 12months to June 2019.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

David Guard

Fire Region Manager