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Dear Alan

Information Request – Tasman Fires

I refer to your official information request dated 4 June 2019 asking for the following information for Rabbit Island, Walters Bluff and Moutere Fires:

- a breakdown of the costs incurred by FENZ to control and extinguish each fire;
- the size in hectares of each fire; and
- a copy of the ComCen log for each fire.

You have also requested the Comcen log for the Pigeon Valley Fire and the total costs for all fires listed above.

As at 31 May 2019, the total cost of the Tasman fires is recorded at \$12.79m. Fire and Emergency is unable to provide a breakdown of the costs of the Rabbit Island, Walters Bluff and Moutere Fires as those events were not significant enough to have been assigned separate codes in our financial reporting system. Fire and Emergency is therefore required to refuse this request under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The approximate size in hectares for each fire is as follows:

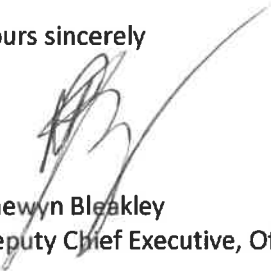
- Rabbit Island Fire, 3 hectares;
- Atawhai/Walter Bluffs, 8.8 hectares;
- Moutere Highway, 10.63 hectares; and
- Pigeon Valley, 2300 hectares.

You clarified your request for a copy of the ComCen log to be a request for the SMS incident reports for each fire. Copies of the Rabbit Island, Moutere Highway and Pigeon Valley SMS reports are attached. Some information has been redacted to protect the privacy of individuals identified in the report.

It is our intention to provide you with a copy of the Walters Bluff SMS report that will also hold redactions to protect the privacy of individuals. However, at 713 pages long, this SMS report is significantly larger than the attached reports and will take some time to prepare for release. We will provide you with a copy of this report as soon as we are able, but no later than 19 July 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. Note also that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Fire and Emergency website.

Yours sincerely



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