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By email: fyi-request-10446-6a3d45ed@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alan

Information Request – Pigeon Valley Fires

I refer to your official information request dated 4 June 2019 asking for information about the Pigeon Valley Fires.

On 2 July 2019 we provided you with a response to most of your questions and undertook to provide you with a response to your question 4 asking:

How many Volunteers were paid in the form of an hourly rate and what was the total of these payments?

In processing your request, we have found that we do not hold information in a way that enables us to report the numbers of volunteers paid by hourly rate with any confidence. Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to identify and check the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raewyn Bleakley', written over a white rectangular area.

Raewyn Bleakley
Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Executive