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By email: fyi-request-11025-f253acf6@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Katherine

Information Request – Disputes requiring the resolution of rank and command issues

I write in relation to your request of 21 August 2019 for:

... all information held by FENZ regarding communication or notification of a dispute requiring the resolution of rank and command issues before any move to consult on a restructure. This includes all communication from the Professional Firefighters Union and any other agency or individual.

In response to your request, we have identified one relevant dispute notified by the New Zealand Professional Firefighters' Union (NZPFU) on 19 August 2019. Fire and Emergency New Zealand holds a small number of documents relevant to the substance of this dispute. Copies of these are *attached*. As you may be aware, these documents are also available on the New Zealand Professional Firefighter's Union website at www.nzpfu.org.nz. The documents are:

- An email from the NZPFU Secretary to Fire and Emergency's Chief Executive, dated 19 August 2019, giving formal notice of a dispute in relation to rank and command matters and an associated consultation proposal.
- An email and letter, dated 26 August 2019, setting out the Chief Executive's response to the notified dispute.
- The NZPFU Secretary's response to the Chief Executive, dated 28 August 2019.

Fire and Emergency holds a larger volume of non-substantive information that relates to this dispute. It includes administrative information (e.g. communications logging correspondence and circulating documents internally) and information preliminary to the production of final correspondence (e.g. the preparation of draft documents).

We are still taking steps to ensure we have gathered all of this broader range of information. Unfortunately, we will not be able to complete that task or the process the collated information within the maximum 20 working day timeframe available for us to respond to your request.

A decision has consequently been made to extend the timeframe for our decision on your request to **18 October 2019**, in accordance with section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. However, please let me know if you consider that the documents released to you with this letter

sufficiently address your request so that it is unnecessary for us to continue to gather and process the balance of the information described above.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raewyn Bleakley', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Raewyn Bleakley
Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Executive

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