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Ref: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet – Transferred Request - OIA-2019/20-0204

Dear Mr Homer,

I am in receipt of the Official Information Request you made to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on 8 October 2019. The Manager of Ministerial Services has forwarded your request to me for response.

The Otago Civil Defence & Emergency Management Group does not currently have any New Zealand Response Teams (NZRTs) in place simply because this had not previously been identified as a priority under the structure that existed until 2017 when Emergency Management Otago was constituted. Since 2017 our focus has been on developing shared service delivery of emergency management across our Region.

Considering the cooperative partnerships we have with both Fire & Emergency New Zealand (as managers of National Urban Search & Rescue capability), and with the NZ Red Cross Disaster Response Team based in Dunedin, we have no current plan for the establishment of an Otago based NZRT.

I hope this provides the information you were seeking.

Regards,

Chris Hawker
Director & Group Controller
Emergency Management Otago

CC: Sarah Gardner, Otago CEG Chair

