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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0380

Dear Alan Thompson

Official Information Act request relating to Whakaari/White Island volcanic eruption

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 23 February 2020. You requested:

1. Confirmation that NEMA was Lead Agency for Whakaari/White Island as advised by NZ Police and that NEMA controlled and coordinated the response of all agencies involved in the response to the eruption and the associated SAR operation.
2. Confirmation that NEMA implemented the NZ CIMS (currently Version 2) in the management of this disaster as Lead Agency and as required by Government?
3. The names of the other services, agencies and organisations who participated in the response under NEMA's control and coordination?
4. The functional positions appointed to the NEMA led Incident Management Team (IMT) and the agency who filled the position for the period of the response?
5. For the period of the response, the total number of formal/written Incident Action Plans (IAPs) that were prepared by the IMT and signed off by NEMA's Incident Controller (IC)?
6. Copies of each of the IAPs as prepared by the NEMA lead IMT for the first 5 days of the Whakaari/White Island response?

Please refer to our responses set out below:

1. **Confirmation that NEMA was Lead Agency for Whakaari/White Island as advised by NZ Police and that NEMA controlled and coordinated the response of all agencies involved in the response to the eruption and the associated SAR operation.**

The lead agency for the Whakaari/White Island response was the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (BoP CDEM).

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was the lead agency at the national level to coordinate support for the local Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group.

2. **Confirmation that NEMA implemented the NZ CIMS (currently Version 2) in the management of this disaster as Lead Agency and as required by Government?**

NEMA implemented the CIMS functions at the national level in the National Crisis Centre (NCC)

3. The names of the other services, agencies and organisations who participated in the response under NEMA's control and coordination?

We understand that BoP CDEM has provided you with a response to this question through an information request you made to them. Accordingly, I refer to their answer which can be found here: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/12065-management-of-the-dec-2019-whakaari-white-island-eruption-response#outgoing-21442>

4. The functional positions appointed to the NEMA led Incident Management Team (IMT) and the agency who filled the position for the period of the response?

Please refer to our response to question three.

5. For the period of the response, the total number of formal/written Incident Action Plans (IAPs) that were prepared by the IMT and signed off by NEMA's Incident Controller (IC)?

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6. Copies of each of the IAPs as prepared by the NEMA lead IMT for the first 5 days of the Whakaari/White Island response?

Please refer to our response to question three.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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