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By email: [fyi-request-14091-f09d9446@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-14091-f09d9446@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Andrew

**Information Request – Cost of Guy Fawkes callouts**

I refer to your official information request dated 6 November 2020 asking for the following information for the period 1st November 2020 through to 9th November 2020.

- 1. Total number of call outs (false alarm or not) that are related to fireworks.*
- 2. Total cost per call out in question #1*

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, I *enclose* the information you requested in your first question, being the number of incidents related to fireworks between 1 and 9 November 2020.

Please note, Fire and Emergency publishes the numbers of Fireworks-related incidents on its website, <https://www.fireandemergency.nz/recreational-and-cultural/fireworks/>. These are preliminary figures (currently being updated) and based on fires that are identified as being fireworks-related at the time of the incident. The figures attached include those identified as fireworks-related during subsequent investigation and are therefore higher.

Regarding the second question, Fire and Emergency is funded to be ready and able to respond as and when its services are required. On that basis, we do not record costs to a level of detail that apportions costs to incidents we have attended involving fireworks. Consequently, we must decline your request for this information under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information is not held by our organisation and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another organisation.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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