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By email: fyi-request-14323-9960c783@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alan

Information Request – Whakaari/White Island

I refer to your information request dated 17 December 2020 asking for:

- 1. As one of the emergency services involved in the response, please advise who was the Lead Agency that was responsible for the overall management of the incident and assigned and managed the tasks that Fire and Emergency NZ undertook?
Note: multi-agency responses in NZ are mandated to be managed using the Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) which requires a Lead Agency to be assigned.*
- 2. Please identify what functional roles FENZ personnel were assigned to in the Lead Agency's Incident Management Team (IMT) that was established to manage the response to the Whakaari disaster and specifically to the rescue/recovery operations that followed the first day of the incident (the 9th Dec).*
- 3. FENZ's own Command and Control procedures specify that FENZ will complete an Incident Action Plan (IAP) which it then gives to the Lead Agency's IC to be included in the overall IAP for the incident (ref Two levels of Planning 2.5.3 and 2.5.4). Please provide copies of the IAPs that FENZ produced for Whakaari and which were included in the Lead Agency's daily IAPs.*
- 4. Please provide copies of the daily Whakaari IAPs that identify the tasks as assigned to FENZ resources by the Lead Agency's Incident Management Team (IMT) and as signed off by the Incident Controller (IC).*

Your request is being assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982. This requires us to advise you of our decision no later than 20 working days after the date received. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit. We are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 8 March 2021. The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. This extension of time also applies to the time limit for transferring all or part of your request to other agencies, should that become necessary.

We will respond to your request at the earliest opportunity.

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



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