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By email: fyi-request-15729-7cc52bc9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alan

Information Request – Lake Pukaki Fire

I refer to your official information request dated 9 June 2021 asking for the following information:

- 1. A breakdown of the costs incurred by FENZ in controlling and extinguishing this fire.*
- 2. A copy of all of the Incident Action Plans (IAPs) prepared by the IMT for the first 3 days and nights of this fire.*

On 6 July 2021, we wrote to you extending the time limit for deciding on your request due to the consultations that were required.

Your request has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982. I have set out below the cost information you requested. The table shows the invoiced costs for the fire, excluding GST. Please note that the invoices represent the additional cost we incur beyond our fixed cost of maintaining a response capability.

F3067402 – Lake Pukaki fire started 30 August 2020.	
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Hire of Aerial Services	\$ 675,081
Plant & Equipment Hire	\$ 123,517
External Firefighting Services	\$ 108,920
Employee payments	\$ 83,594
Travel & Accommodation & Meals	\$ 35,299
Foam	\$ 34,316
Incident catering	\$ 33,733
Volunteer payments	\$ 22,626
Other supplies	\$ 2,530
Protective clothing	\$ 1,617
Fuel	\$ 555
Total	\$ 1,121,788

External firefighting services are those resources that are not owned by Fire and Emergency or, in the case of people, are not Fire and Emergency personnel. They may include forestry company or Department of Conservation personnel, and operators of heavy equipment such as diggers, bulldozers, water tankers, etc.

Employee payments may include payments for overtime and travel reimbursements.

Volunteer payments may include reimbursements for mileage, parking, petrol, travel costs or meals.

I *enclose* the documents we have identified as being within scope of point 2 of your request. Some information has been redacted to protect the privacy of individuals identified in the documents. On occasions where a full Incident Action Plan was not prepared, we have considered your request as being for the Situation Report instead and have provided those documents.

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.

Note also that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Fire and Emergency website.

Yours sincerely



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