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By email www.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Thompson

Official Information Request

Thank you for your email of 9 September seeking clarification on my response of 19 August to your OIA request in relation to international fire deployment.

In relation to your clarification of a request not being received I confirm there was no advisory to Fire personnel or other agencies or organisations throughout New Zealand other than the 25 July advisory which has been provided to you. You have also been provided the DEPI newsletters and associated covering emails. We have no other records or official information in relation to the deployment in our possession.

You have also sought clarification about advice provided by New Zealand and Canadian authorities. I repeat it is not our policy to question or debate with international agencies over their respective inter-agency, bilateral agreements or arrangements as the NZFS personnel were not requested to assist. It would be improper to do so.

Lastly, New Zealand did not participate in any teleconference(s) between the DEPI Victoria/British Columbia by any other agencies with respect to the deployment, therefore we have no records of any of the teleconference(s) that occurred between other countries or agencies.

Thank you for your correspondence and I trust that this response satisfies your queries.

Yours sincerely

Rob Pope

Director, Office of the Chief Executive