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Tēnā koe Mark

**Information Request – Leaving Data**

I refer to your official information request dated 21 August 2022 asking for data on the number of personnel leaving Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Your request has been assessed under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act). Fire and Emergency's response to your first two questions are out below:

*1. How many volunteers (including firefighters, non-operational support, operational support, and brigade support) have served year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)?*

Organisation	Year	Total Volunteers	Source
NZ Fire Service	2016/17	11295	Annual Report 2016/17
Fire and Emergency NZ	2017/18	11260	Annual Report 2017/18
Fire and Emergency NZ	2018/19	11801	Annual Report 2018/19
Fire and Emergency NZ	2019/20	11847	Annual Report 2019/20
Fire and Emergency NZ	2020/21	11883	Annual Report 2020/21
Fire and Emergency NZ	2021/22	11700	Internal Reporting

*2. How many career firefighters have been employed year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)?*

Organisation	Year	Career Firefighters (FTE)	Source
NZ Fire Service	2016/17	1734	Annual Report 2016/17
Fire and Emergency NZ	2017/18	1739	Annual Report 2017/18
Fire and Emergency NZ	2018/19	1810	Annual Report 2018/19
Fire and Emergency NZ	2019/20	1830	Annual Report 2019/20
Fire and Emergency NZ	2020/21	1854	Annual Report 2020/21
Fire and Emergency NZ	2021/22	1767	Internal Reporting

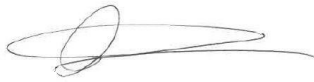
Your other questions are as follows:

- 3. How many volunteers left (including dismissals and all other reasons for leaving) brigades/NZFS/FENZ year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)?*
- 4. How many career firefighters left (including dismissals and all other reasons for leaving) NZFS/FENZ year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)?*
- 5. How many volunteers were dismissed/discharged/terminated year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)?*
- 6. How many career firefighters were dismissed/discharged/terminated year by year (financial year) (2016-2022)? I am notifying you, under section 15A(1) of the OIA, of an extension of the time limit in section 15(1) of the OIA to make our decision on these aspects of your request, to 27 May 2022.*

I am advising you of an extension of the time to make our decision on these aspects of your request, to 30 September 2022. The reason for the extension is that the consultations necessary to decide on these questions are such that a proper response to them cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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.

Nāku noa nā



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