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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *A copy of the relevant section of FENZ's national Command and Control documentation that prescribes when a single incident management system will be implemented. In particular, how this decision is based upon elapsed time (48 hours) and not predicted fire development, forecasted fire weather, fire behavior, values at risk, multi-agency response required, etc.*

There are no document(s) that prescribe when a single incident management system will be implemented based upon elapsed time alone. For this reason, we are refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. Fire and Emergency currently operates under Command-and-control M1 POP (interim) and CIMS 3. We confirm there is a current programme of work to review this.

2. *Advise what single incident management system FENZ implemented within the first 48 hours of the 2024 Port Hills fire and provide copies of the plans that this system produced as would be required to brief and task resources. Eg, SITREP, Objectives, IMT Structure, Strategies, Tasks, Resources and Assignments, Communications Plan, Medical Plan, Safety Plan, Fire Weather, Fire Ground Maps, etc.*

The Incident Controller was operating under Command-and-control M1 POP (interim) and CIMS 3, supported by the Regional Coordination Centre. The planning undertaken was captured in the draft IAPs. As noted in our previous response, the draft IAPs were prepared to implement if required, but were not finalised.

3. *Advise what single incident management system FENZ implemented after the first 48 hours of the 2024 Port Hills fire and provide copies of the plans that this system produced for the next 5 Operational Periods to brief and task resources as in 2 above.*

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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.

If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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