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C C Cooper

By email: fyi.org.nz

Dear C C Cooper

Official Information Request - Fires caused by candles

I refer to your official information request which was received on 01 October 2015. In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, there has been a total of 416 fires in the last 5 years and this year to date where a candle has been involved in the ignition of the fire. They average out at just over 70 fires per year.

Yours sincerely

Rob Pope

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