



File No. DOIA 1516 – 0652, 0660, 0661 and 0662

23 November 2015

Ms Evans

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Dear Ms Evans

I refer to your emails of 11, 12 and 13 November 2015, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

11 November 2015

Performance Clause C5.4 of the New Zealand Building Code.

Copy of all New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operational documents (ie Standard Operating Procedures, Training Manuals, Equipment Schedules and Limitations, Vehicle Specifications, Controlled Entry and Safety Procedures etc) provided by the NZFS Commission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, which clearly demonstrates that for a firecell greater than 5000m², the NZFS requires vehicular access to more than one side of a firecell.

12 November 2015

Performance Clause C5.6

Copy of all New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operational documents (ie Standard Operating Procedures, Training Manuals, Personal Equipment, Controlled Entry and Safety Procedures etc) provided by the NZFS Commission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), that MBIE relied upon to Justify Performance Clause C5.6 being included in the Building Code.

12 November 2015

Performance Clause C5.7

Copy of all New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operational documents (ie Standard Operating Procedures, Training Manuals/Procedures and Size-up Procedures, Controlled Entry and Safety Procedures etc) provided by the NZFS Commission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), that MBIE relied upon to justify performance Clause C5.6(a) being included in the Building Code.

Copy of all New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operational documents (ie Standard Operating Procedures, Training Manuals/Procedures, Controlled Entry and Safety Procedures etc) provided by the NZFS Commission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), that MBIE relied upon to justify performance Clause C5.6(b) being included in the Building Code.

13 November 2015

Performance Clause C5.2

Copy of all New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operational documents (ie Standard Operating Procedures, Training Manuals, Equipment Schedules and Limitations, Vehicle Specifications, Controlled Entry and Safety Procedures etc) provided by the NZFS Commission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), that MBIE relied upon to justify performance Clause C5.2 being included in the Building Code.

Did MBIE rely on a research report undertaken independently of the NZFS and MBIE that correlates the injuries incurred by NZFS firefighters to building design and construction and not to deficiencies in operational procedures, operational errors, training methods etc adopted by the NZFS, to justify Performance Clause C5.6 being included in the Building Code.

In response to your four Official Information Act requests, The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is transferring your requests under section 14 of the Act to the New Zealand Fire Service. This transfer is occurring because the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of the New Zealand Fire Service. NZFS have 20 working days from receipt to make a decision.

Building Code Clause C5 was introduced along with a series of changes to the C Clauses in 2012. These changes were made by MBIE's predecessor, the Department of Building and Housing (DBH), and followed the required process for making regulations, including public consultation. Further information regarding this can be found here: <http://www.building.govt.nz/ris-building-code-proposed-changes>

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act, to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Relevant details are:

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Yours sincerely



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