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Dear Ms Evans

Information Request - New Zealand building code clauses

I refer to your correspondence with New Zealand Fire Service lawyer, Ashley Cornor, in relation to your requests for documents relevant to clauses C5.2, C5.4, C5.6 and C5.7 of the New Zealand building code. Your requests were transferred to the New Zealand Fire Service Commission (NZFS) by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

I attach the documents listed below, which contain material relevant (or responsive) to the performance criteria addressed by the building code clauses of interest to you:

Documents relevant to vehicle access and hardstand requirements

- Emergency vehicle access guidelines (May 2015)
- New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008

Firefighting operations documents

- F1 GD Fire suppression guide (September 2016)
- F2 (NCI 25) Fixed fire protection systems (December 2008)

Incident safety documents

IS1 – Operational safety (February 2014)

Documents from the NZFS Command and Control Technical Manual (January 2013)

- M1 TM-3 Risk assessment, strategy and tactics
- M1 TM-4 Exercising command and control
- M1 TM-5 Ensuring incident ground safety

Documents from the NZFS Fire Risk Management Manual (October 2010)

- BE1 Building construction
- BE2 Suppression systems
- BE5-1A Building visits, methods of verification
- BE5-1B Building visits, information reference guide
- ER1 Fire engineering

As discussed in your previous correspondence with Mr Cornor, these are current policy and technical documents. The NZFS has not been able to locate information that shows whether these documents, or earlier versions of them, were provided to MBIE (or its predecessors) during the building code review process. Please note that these documents are also subject to periodic review and replacement/retirement.

I regret that it has taken an extended period of time to provide these documents to you. However, I hope that you find the material useful. If the documents give rise to further queries, please contact my Business Services Coordinator, Louise Robinson (Louise.Robinson@fire.org.nz), in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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