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Dear Marie

Information Request – Cause of fire 58 Te Moana Road, Waikanae

I refer to your request of 13 September 2016, asking for 'the official cause' of the fire that occurred at 58 Te Moana Road, Waikanae.

In response, I confirm that the New Zealand Fire Service investigated the fire that occurred at this property on 13 August 2016 and prepared a report which classified the fire as 'accidental'. The report concluded:

- 'The point of origin of the fire was to the left of the linen cupboard, in the space that had housed the hot water cylinder in the past'.
- 'The supposed cause is accidental due to an electrical event decomposing the jointer that joined the old hot water cylinder cable to the new hot water cylinder'.

I trust that this addresses your request.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Deuchars
Acting Director, Office of the Chief Executive