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By email: fyi-request-4883-75410b8d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Julian

Official Information Act Request

By email addressed to the New Zealand Fire Service Commission (NZFSC) on Thursday 3 November 2016 you requested under the Official Information Act:

1. **Number of NZFSC staff who have been trained by an external agent/consultant to collect specimens for drug testing in accordance with AS/NZS 4308.**

The Fire Service Commission has not had any staff trained as above.

2. **Number of times external agents/consultants have been engaged by the NZFSC to undertake unannounced random alcohol and drug tests of career and volunteer firefighters for the last 12 months. Please provide a copy of the contract/agreement with the agents/consultants, and the number of firefighting personnel that have been tested in the last 12 months by external agents/consultants.**

The NZFSC has not engaged any external agent/consultants to undertake random drug testing as described above.

3. **Number of Alcohol Breathalysers in the NZFSC's possession and which stations these are located at.**

The NZFSC does not possess any alcohol breathalysers.

4. **Number of drug testing kits in the NZFSC's possession and which stations these are located at.**

The NZFSC does not possess any drug testing kits.

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5. **Please provide a copy of any correspondence from the NZFSC to the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union (NZUFU), on the subject of drug and alcohol testing, and the NZUFU's response.**

The NZFSC was not able to locate any documents as described in 5 above. I *attach* a copy of a National Notice dated 28 November 2014 that was sent to all staff and the NZPFU in relation to the changes to blood alcohol limits for driving. Otherwise, the NZPFU have been involved in a working party to develop a drug and alcohol policy for the NZFSC, and that work is ongoing.

Yours sincerely



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